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LORDS AND THE BALFOUR MEMO.

LONG DEBATE

LORD BIRKENHEAD ON ITS "REPUDIATION"

LABOUR AMENDMENT LOST

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Lords, to-day, Lord Birkenhead (Conservative) called attention to the subject of war debts and moved: "That this House approves of the principle of the Balfour memorandum."
He said that he had reached the conclusion that measures which were related in his motion required very earnest consideration from the British Parliament and from Parliamentary assemblies of other countries. In the Balfour memorandum, which was acclaimed as a masterly state document by every Liberal and Conservative member of the Colliery Cabinet, a gesture was made for the cancellation of war debts. It was said that as a result of the War, £2,000,000,000 were owing to us from our late allies, while our debt to the United States was, roughly, some £901,000,000.

Revision Required
These figures required very considerable revision. When one talked of £2,000,000,000 it must be remembered that one-third of that sum was owing to us from Russia. That nation had repudiated completely that debt.
Defending Mr. Churchill's conduct of the financial negotiations with France and Italy, Lord Birkenhead declared that Mr. Churchill had made the best terms conceivably obtainable. It was the object of all of us to make a generous debt settlement and in the same time that the measure of concessions which he could make was limited by the reasonable economic and financial resources of the nations with whom we were dealing.

"Slightly Better"
France had emerged from many difficulties which pressed upon her when our negotiations with her reached decisive stage but it might happen were of the opinion that to be resumed to-day some slightly better terms might have been obtained. Take the case of Italy. She was a country which, though politically of the greatest possible consequence in Europe, was one which economically was not rich and there were well understood limits recognised by all authorities on international finance to the contributions which Italy could make. No-one who dispassionately considered the position of Italy could have thought it proper to have asked more of Italy than we did ask.

Affecting a Generation
Lord Birkenhead agreed that we had paid and were paying the United States on a scale which the late Mr. Bonar Law had hardly exaggerated in describing as a scale which would affect our standards of living for a generation. But we had some compensations. There was hardly anyone who believed in the year 1918 that British finance could attain for London the control of the finance of the world. Never could that result have been attained unless the golden and indispensable asset of British credit had been retained. If a settlement with the United States had not taken place our national supremacy would have passed elsewhere. Broken as we had been by war, we are still today the financial centre of the world. We should have great and high hope from that circumstance.

Material and Moral
Let them consider how far the Balfour memorandum had contributed to it. It made a two-fold contribution. One was material. More important was the moral. We laid to the whole world, just as a business proposition, that if our creditors would forego our debts (though those who owed us money were far more numerous than those to whom we owed today) we would wipe out the whole account. A more generous offer had never been made by any country in the history of the world.
Lord Birkenhead referred to the attack recently made upon the Balfour memorandum by Mr. Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government. He also referred to the terms of the amendment to his motion, which was to be proposed

MOTOR TAXATION

WHOLESALE CONDEMNATION IN THE COLONY

APPEAL TO A.A.?

The recommendation for motor taxation is meeting with wholesale condemnation. It is understood that all car owners, who are members of the Hong Kong Automobile Association, will appeal to the Association and that every effort will be made to fight the imposition of this tax.

"A Disgrace"
"It is a disgrace," said one private car owner, to levy this tax in Hong Kong. It is all very well to support Home Industry, and if the Government wishes to make place for British cars, by shutting out American machines, the best way to go about it will be the introduction of a protective tariff. Japan is supporting her home manufactures, but she does not levy such absurd taxes like the ones proposed. She has a protective tariff and imported goods are subjected to heavy duties. The Hong Kong Government can very well impose a heavy duty on American and other makes of cars, and allow British cars to enter duty free. In this way, the prices of British cars will be much lower, and they will then find a market."

"Shameful"
Another firm of motor car dealers criticised the Government's proposed action as "shameful." He asked why should motorists be asked to pay for the entire maintenance of the road? It would be well for the Government to disclose the revenue it derived from jinrikishas and other vehicle licences. "If the Government chooses to place Hong Kong further behind the time, she cannot do better than to bring this recommendation into law. Then watch out for the number of cars running in this Colony. Wuchow will even beat us, then," said this gentleman with a Homeric smile.

A representative of the "China Mail" interviewed several other car owners this morning, and their opinions were unanimous. They thought that it would be a very short-sighted policy on the part of the Government to kill one of the factors which contributed to the prosperity of the Colony.
As regards petrol taxation, a few motorists were of the opinion that if such a tax were imposed, it would meet with less resistance from the driving public, but there would be a "general commotion" if the tax were based on horse power unit.

by Lord Parmoor on behalf of the Labour Party. He noted that Lord Parmoor's amendment approved of the principle of the Balfour memorandum while regretting that the settlement made by a Conservative Government imposed unfair burdens upon the British taxpayers.
A Question
He asked Lord Parmoor to say if it was not the purpose of the Labour Party to attempt to impair the authority of the Balfour memorandum, upon which depended every financial arrangement which had since been made in Europe. To repudiate the memorandum would inflict a grievous and irreparable wound upon the reputation of this country. He himself had been responsible for the memorandum. He was a member of the Cabinet which adopted it and he would regard the time when this momentous financial decision was taken as one of the supreme moments of his public life.

Labour Party's Attitude
Lord Parmoor, in moving his amendment, said the Labour Party had consistently adopted and followed what it regarded as the leading principle of the Balfour note.
Lord Birkenhead asked Lord Parmoor if he associated himself with the epithet "Infamous" applied by Mr. Snowden to the Balfour note.
Lord Parmoor replied that quite frankly he did not like it.
Lord Parmoor proceeded to criticise certain aspects of the debt settlement.

Congratulations!
The Marquess of Salisbury congratulated Lord Parmoor upon having dissociated himself both from the word "Repudiation" and the word "Infamous" which had figured in Mr. Snowden's observations on the Balfour note.
Amendment Rejected
Lord Parmoor's amendment was rejected by 89 votes to six and Lord Birkenhead's motion was agreed to.—British Wireless Service.

"KAU SING" FINDS A SUPPORTER

EXPERT OPINION

'EXCELLENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESCUE'

WANTED—A MAN!

The Government life-saving tug, "Kau Sing," has come in for severe condemnation since the "Hsin Wah" disaster. She was unable to get up steam in time to go to the assistance of the doomed steamer outside Waglan, and on her broad beams (not shoulders) the faults were laid.

The matter culminated in a report from the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, and the "Kau Sing" now stands officially condemned. The report even went so far as to say that it would not pay to convert the condemned tug into a twin screw and into an oil burning vessel.
A representative of the "China Mail" has been busy collecting views and opinions from master mariners. Some of their views were published yesterday. They were unanimous in their condemnation of the "Kau Sing."

An Opposite View
Another master mariner interviewed this morning held opinions diametrically opposed to those already published. He said that the "Kau Sing" was excellent for the purpose for which she was built.
Asked how the "Kau Sing" could be excellent as a rescue tug, he having a single screw, this master mariner said that a single screw tug was more fitted for the job than a twin screw vessel.

Asked to explain, he pointed out that rescue tugs of single screw were built with a deep aft. The "Kau Sing" also has a deep aft, and vessels having a deep aft could be made to "turn like a top."

Tug Master Required
"Then why do they complain that the tug is hard to manoeuvre in a typhoon?" our representative asked. "Because they have not the proper man to manage her," replied the skipper.

"Navigating a tug is an art, and not every skipper, much less a Naval officer, can manage her," added our informant. He then went on to say that to manage a tug it would be the work of a professional tug master. Such a man could not be found in Hong Kong. There was not the slightest trouble with the "Kau Sing" and all that she needed was an able hand to navigate her.

"You see," said the master mariner, "that in all big towing companies in Europe, their fleet of tugs are of single screw. A twin screw will never answer the purpose better than the single ones. Wait and I will show you," he added. Then, taking hold of the Lloyd's Shipping Register, he turned up a page and pointed to the Alexander Towing Co. of Liverpool. "You see, he went on, 'that this is the biggest towing company in the United Kingdom. Now, here is her fleet of tugs. Just count them for yourself and see how many single screw vessels they have.'"

31 Out Of 33
Our representative counted 31 single screw tugs out of a list of 33. Of the two twin-screw crafts, one was built in the year 1883. "If this does not support what I just told you, I don't know what will," he said.

Our representative then pointed out that the "Kau Sing" would take 12 hours to get full steam and therefore, she could not be of much use as a rescue tug. "That should not worry the Government. She has two boilers and it will be cheaper to get one boiler going all the time than to let her lie idle as she is," said the skipper.

Suicidal to Sell
Asked to explain, he said that the Government was using "fumpten" launches, daily for towing sanitary barges, etc. He did not see why the Government could not utilise the "Kau Sing" in the same way. By doing so, the tug would always be in steam, and whenever required for rescue work, she could just drop the barges, and proceed straight to the job she was called for.

"It is suicidal to sell the 'Kau Sing' and then waste the public's money in building another tug. Even then the problem will not be solved, for when the new tug is built, some other faults may be found with it. As long as there is not a proper tug master to take charge, complaints will be everlasting," he concluded.

HISTORICAL VASE FOR SALE

GREAT TREASURE

29,000 GUINEAS BID IN 35 SECONDS

VASE THEN WITHDRAWN

London, Yesterday.
There was a dramatic surprise at Christie's sale-room to-day when the famous Portland Vase was put up to auction. In 35 seconds the bidding had reached 29,000 guineas.

It was then understood by the big crowd that the vase had been sold. A woman demanded to know the name of the purchaser, as she said the British public were keenly interested in the sale of the vase.

The auctioneer did not reply, and only later was it made known that the vase had been withdrawn.
Buyers from America and the Continent had been keen bidders against British buyers.

The "Evening Standard" states that the vase was "bought in" for

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the Duke of Portland himself. The vase, which is of dark blue glass with white cameo-like figures upon it, illustrating figures of Perseus and Thetis, is reputed to have been found in a sarcophagus in Rome nearly five centuries ago and was afterwards the chief treasure of the Barberini Palace in Italy.

Sir William Hamilton, British Ambassador in Rome, brought it to London and sold it to the Duchess of Portland. The third Duke of Portland sent the vase to the British Museum for safe keeping but 20 (?) years later it was smashed by a drunken visitor. The vase had been on loan at the British Museum for more than a century, when it was decided to sell it.—British Wireless Service. (See picture on page 9.)

APRIL RAINFALL

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens in April was—

10—	0.21 inch
11—	0.06 "
12—	0.01 "
13—	0.01 "
14—	0.06 "
15—	0.02 "
16—	0.51 "
17—	0.01 "
18—	0.34 "
Total	1.22 inch.

Don't Waste Water!

SIR J. BUTLER, M.P.

PASSES AWAY AT A LONDON NURSING HOME

AN ACTIVE CAREER

London, Yesterday.
Sir Geoffrey Butler, M.P. for Cambridge University, died in a London Nursing Home to-day. He recently announced that because of illness, he would not stand at the coming election. In the present Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Air. He founded the Cambridge University Air Squadron.—British Wireless Service.

[Sir G. Butler, who was born in London in 1887, was the eighth son of the late Spencer P. Butler. Besides being a distinguished scholar of Cambridge University and its Member of Parliament, he was a director of the Employers' Liability Assurance Co. He had been President of the Cambridge Union, a lecturer both at Cambridge and in America, and was married to Miss Levering Jones of Philadelphia.]

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR
The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 7/16.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER IN JAPAN

REACHES TOKYO

HAS A WONDERFUL WELCOME FROM ALL CLASSES

PRESENTATION OF GARTER

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Tokyo was en fete this morning, and a Royal welcome awaited the Duke of Gloucester and his suite as the special train in which they had travelled up to the Capital from Yokohama drew up alongside the station platform, to the accompaniment of the bursting of daylight fireworks overhead.

As the Duke stepped out to the strains of the British National Anthem, the Emperor himself came forward and shook his Royal visitor warmly by the hand, while large numbers of high Japanese officials and others stood by bareheaded, bowing deeply in respectful silence.

After the Premier and principal members of the Cabinet, and other leading officials, had been presented, the Duke was conducted to a reception room from which, after a short rest, he proceeded to the station entrance where carriages and an escort of Guards' cavalry awaited the Royal party; the Duke of Gloucester himself, with Prince Chichibu, entered a state coach drawn by six horses, while the members of his suite, headed by the Earl of Airlie, and the other members of the Japanese reception committee with Baron Hayashi as their chief, followed with the Master of Ceremonies in carriages each drawn by two horses.

The Duke's Thanks

Tokyo, Later.
The morning papers, welcoming the Duke of Gloucester, assert that "alliance" or "no alliance," Japan's friendship with Britain is unaltered. They print messages of welcome from Baron Tanaka and from the Mayor of Tokyo, *inter alia*, expressing gratification at King George's recovery.

At a personal reception to Pressmen, the Duke requested them to express to the Japanese people his thanks for the welcome, especially for their sympathy during King George's illness. He emphasised that the bonds of the long-standing British-Japanese friendship were bound to continue, owing to common ideals, "foremost among which was deep loyalty and a determined love of peace."—Reuter.

Presentation of Garter

At 10 o'clock this morning the Duke, clad in his cavalry full-dress uniform and seated beside Prince Chichibu, in a state coach drawn by four horses, set forth from the Kasumigaseki Palace on his way to the Imperial Palace, there to confer on His Imperial Japanese Majesty the highest Order of British knighthood, the Most Noble Order of the Garter. Behind him followed a number of two-horse carriages conveying the members of his suite and members of the Japanese reception committee, all in brilliant uniforms, while a further touch of colour was added to the cortege by the detachment of lancers acting as escort.

Splendid Assemblage

Entering the Palace grounds by the famous Nijubashi, a fine old bridge in a picturesque setting of towering grey stone walls, crowned with aged Japanese pine trees, gnarled and twisted into fantastic shapes, the procession halted and the Duke and his companions descended from their carriages. A Chamberlain who was there to meet them thereupon conducted them to a hall of waiting, where they rested while the other British and Japanese officials who were to be present at the Garter ceremony assembled in the Throne Room where it was to take place. Amongst this brilliant assemblage were the Imperial Princess and other members of the Imperial Household, the British Ambassador with the principal members of his staff, holders of the Grand Order of the Chrysanthemum, marshals and fleet admirals, the Premier, the President of the Privy Council, the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, Minister of State and other high officials. These were all drawn up in two lines to the right and left of the Throne facing inwards and, glittering with gold braid and brilliant decorations, presented a striking spectacle.

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COURT MARTIAL

A K.O.S.B. CORPORAL IN COURT

CAPT. DOBBIE'S EVIDENCE

Capt. A. G. Dobbie, adjutant of the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, gave evidence this morning before the District Court Martial sitting at Scandal Point to try Corporal Charles Hendry, K.O.S.B., on fifteen charges of converting moneys to his own use whilst employed as clerk to the President of the Regimental Institute, during 1928.

The adjutant produced a true extract from a Regimental Order dated December 10, 1926, announcing that "Corporal Hendry has been struck off duty for employment in the Office of P.R.I., to report for duty on 11.12.26."

Replying to Mr. R. A. Wadeson, prosecuting for Capt. P. Perfect, K.O.S.B., the witness said that Hendry's successor was appointed on November 29, 1928. He also read an extract from Regimental Orders of that date as follows:—

"Sergeant A. Bardell, 'C' Company, is struck off duty for employment in the office of P.R.I., until further orders."

Corporals' Mess Payments

Replying to further questions, Capt. Dobbie said that as adjutant he was President of the Corporals' Mess, and payments were made to the P.R.I. by the Corporal of Mess during 1928. The payments made by the Corporals' Mess to the P.R.I., during 1928 was \$80. Witness produced cheque book counterfoils and receipts relating to these payments.

Questioned by Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the accused, Capt. Dobbie said that the only payments made by the Corporals' Mess were regular payments for hire of a billiards table. \$20 was paid in April, 1928 and \$60 for May and June of the same year. Witness thought that the amount due was \$20 per month. He agreed with counsel that payments by the Corporals' Mess were in arrears.

Mr. Strellett: As adjutant you are responsible for the appointment of the clerk to the P.R.I.—The appointment was made by the O.C. and not by me.

On your recommendation?—I have nothing to do with it except that I drew up the Order and signed it.

"Duty and Employment"

Asked what was the difference between "duty" and "employment," Capt. Dobbie said that on appointment to the P.R.I.'s office, accused was relieved of drill and guard and was solely responsible for his employment in the Regimental Institute.

The accused had not been given any instructions by witness as to what work he had to do in the P.R.I.'s office, neither was he given any such instructions by anyone else in his (witness's) hearing. Accused's duties were defined by the P.R.I. Accused was certainly considered to be on duty whilst employed as clerk to the P.R.I. Witness did not know if there were any reference in Orders as to what the duties of the P.R.I.'s clerk were.

Addressing the Judge Advocate, Mr. Strellett said that he considered his questions were of great notes of them and the answers given by the witness were being taken.

"Wait & See"

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that he had not taken any of it as he was waiting to see what it was coming to.

After some discussion, Mr. Fitzroy said that he did not think it necessary to take notes in that connection as the Court was composed of three competent officers. Replying to further questions by Mr. Strellett, Capt. Dobbie said that he could not say if the appointment of clerk to the P.R.I. carried any extra pay with it.

Witness knew that the accused had also acted as Mess clerk to the Messing Officers, but could not say if he was carrying out those duties at the same time he held the appointment as clerk to the P.R.I.

Since the accused's suspension there were now one clerk and two assistants working in the P.R.I.'s office. As far as witness knew during the accused's time he was the only person struck off duty for this employment.

"Not The Colonel"

Asked if he was responsible for the appointment of the officer for duty at the P.R.I., Capt. Dobbie re-

BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA

FRESH STATEMENT

NO FURTHER WITHDRAWAL AT PRESENT

SHANGHAI'S "REDS"

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, during question time, Mr. Duff Cooper (War Office Parliamentary Secretary) stated that the British forces in China had been considerably reduced during the past year, and there was at present no intention of making a further reduction. There was at present no indication of imminent danger in the International Settlement (of Shanghai) or of attacks in any quarter, but the position was still uncertain, and subversive activities were no-wise extinct.

Mr. H. W. Loecker (formerly of Hong Kong) called attention to the existence in Shanghai of a considerable element of Chinese Communists, of a subversive tendency, rendering complete withdrawal of troops at present inadvisable.

Mr. Duff Cooper declared that was what he intended to convey in his answer. He denied that he meant that Shanghai was to be a garrison town for the rest of China.—Reuter.

plied: "I don't run the battalion. I am the adjutant, not the Colonel."

Fte. J. W. Geig, who was in charge of the billiards table in the N.A.A.F.I.'s Men's Recreation Room at Murray Barracks from March 5, 1928, to July 19, 1928, said that his duties were to charge the man for games played and hand the money collected by him to the accused. He produced a book which showed the amounts paid to him by the man and the amounts he handed over to Hendry every week, usually on Sundays. Hendry initiated the book after receiving the money from him. He had paid to Hendry all the sums that appeared in the book. With the exception of one, all the entries in the book were initiated by Hendry.

Replying to Mr. Strellett, witness said that he used to go to the P.R.I.'s office to pay the money over to Hendry, but frequently the latter came to him for the money. During the time witness had charge of the billiards room he had bought skittles for it and the P.R.I. paid for it. Its cost was about \$5. Witness got chalk for the billiards room from the N.A.A.F.I., on account and the P.R.I., paid.

For his employment in the billiards room the witness was paid \$5 per month and this he received from the accused on signature.

Yesterday afternoon evidence was given by Chiral Din, a son of Hadji Ali Mohamed, proprietor of Gulam Din and Son, regimental tailors. Witness was emphatic that he paid rebate and rent regularly, remarking that what would have happened if he did not do so was that "they would put me out!"

Ignorant of Accounts

Replying to Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the accused, the witness said that he knew nothing about the keeping of accounts, he was merely in charge whilst his father was on leave. A clerk named Mohamed Ramzan made out the bills. This man had since been dismissed. Prior to his going to India, witness's father did not keep a daily account of income and expenditure.

Questioned as to whether his father had told him to keep all the accounts with the P.R.I., separate, the witness replied with some dignity: "I do what I like. That is my own affair. The business is my father's, and I am his son!" Eventually the witness said that he did keep the P.R.I.'s account separate from all others "because it is a Government account." When his father returned from India witness told him all about the accounts, and his father naturally accepted everything he said.

Counsel's Duty

Mr. Strellett, in reply to the Judge Advocate, submitted that if the books were produced for the purpose of showing certain transactions, and proved to be valueless, it was his duty to point out that fact.

Mr. Fitzroy agreed, remarking that the books did not show everything.

Evidence of other payments of money made to P.R.I. during 1928 was given by Q.M.S. G. R. Dobbie, E.O.S.B., who said that the Sergeant's Mess during 1928 paid \$410.54 by cheque to P.R.I.

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Lot No.	Area	Boundaries	Contents	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd May, 1929, both days inclusive.
**JARDINE MATHESON &
CO., LTD.,**
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929.

**UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LTD.**
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LTD.**
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929.

**BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LTD.**
(Incorporated in Hong Kong).
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1929, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1929.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.
NOTICE.

**THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL
MEETING** of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, on FRIDAY, 17th May, 1929, at 5.10 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1929.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 18th May and on MONDAY, 20th May 1929 (Weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, 8th May, 1929.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. ARCHIBALD RITCHIE, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in our Hong Kong business as from 1st January, 1929.
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Chartered Accountants.
1st May, 1929.

**CHINA UNDERWRITERS
LIMITED.**
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Our Offices are now situated at:
**HONG KONG BANK BUILDING
(4TH FLOOR),**
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HERBERT R. STURT,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1929.

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L. C. F. BELLAMY,
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Hong Kong, May 2, 1929.

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STANDARD TIME.**SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
COLONY**

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for May (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow:—

May	Sunrise	Sunset
1	5.50	6.51
2	5.49	6.51
3	5.49	6.52
4	5.48	6.52
5	5.48	6.53
6	5.47	6.53
7	5.47	6.53
8	5.46	6.54
9	5.46	6.54
10	5.45	6.55
11	5.45	6.55
12	5.45	6.55
13	5.44	6.55
14	5.44	6.56
15	5.43	6.56
16	5.43	6.56
17	5.42	6.57
18	5.42	6.57
19	5.41	6.58
20	5.41	6.58
21	5.41	6.59
22	5.40	7.00
23	5.40	7.00
24	5.40	7.01
25	5.40	7.01
26	5.40	7.02
27	5.39	7.02
28	5.39	7.02
29	5.39	7.03
30	5.39	7.03
31	5.39	7.03

SCIENCE CONGRESS

**DELEGATES ABOARD THE
"HARUNA MARU"**
MR. CROOK ATTENDING

The s.s. "Haruna Maru" is due here this morning, and among her passengers are the delegates from Japan and America who are on their way to attend the Pacific Science Congress to be held in Batavia from May 16 to 25.

The steamer is leaving here tomorrow and the delegates will be joined by Mr. A. H. Crook, headmaster of Queen's College, who is attending the congress as a representative of the Education Board.

Among the Japanese and American delegates are:—Marquis and Lady Y. Tokugawa, Marquis N. Kuroda, Viscount A. Tanaka, Prof. M. Miyoshi, and Dr. H. Hattori, adviser to H. I. J. M.'s Scientific Research.

America is also well represented, those chosen being Dr. T. W. Vaughan, Professor in the University of California, Dr. Coville, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke and several others who have already passed through Hong Kong or are on their way to Batavia for the Conference.

The "Haruna Maru" will be joined here by Dr. and Mrs. Edward M. Ehrhorn, of Honolulu, who arrived by the s.s. "Korea Maru" some time ago. Dr. Ehrhorn is also attending the Pacific Science Conference.

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ARMS TO CHINA

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FOREIGNERS JEOPARDISED?

London, Yesterday.
Since the raising of the embargo upon arms for China many orders have been received in London for the insurance of arms and ammunition to China.

It is understood that the managements of many large British insurance companies are of opinion that such insurances are inimical to British trade interests in China, and might jeopardise the lives of Europeans.—Reuter.

What U.S.A. Is Doing

Washington, Yesterday.
In spite of the raising of the arms embargo in China and regardless of the action of other Powers, from now on the United States announces that she will maintain a strict embargo on such shipments in the future. This course is described as an "example to other Powers," and as an extension to the Far East of the policy already successfully applied in Mexico.

The only arms and munitions allowed in China-going ships are those authorised by the Chinese National Government.—Reuter's American Service.

FENG YU-HSIANG

**CHIANG'S CHIEF-OF-STAFF'S
MISSION**

Hankow, Yesterday.
It is learned that Ho Yao-tsu, who is Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's Chief-of-Staff, left for Chengchow on April 30 to interview General Feng Yu-hsiang.

It is officially stated that he is visiting Feng Yu-hsiang to request the latter to proceed to Nanking to attend the National Defence Conference, but it is generally believed that a deeper matter underlies the mission. Meanwhile an order has been received from Nanking placing all the troops in Wu-Han under the command of Liu Shiu (who is a supporter of Chiang Kai-shek), with full power to act in case of any eventuality.—Reuter.

LOCAL COMPOSERS

**TO HOLD CONCERT IN THE
CITY HALL**
NATIONAL FLAVOUR

Music lovers are promised a treat at the City Hall on Tuesday at 9.15 p.m., when a gala concert will be given by local composers, among whom will be Mr. Harry Ore, at the piano.

The concert will be made more interesting by the fact that it will have a national flavour. There will be three Sonatas for piano-forte and violin. Lieut.-Col. Cardew will have his part in one and his may be said to be typically English music, while Mr. Harry Ore (strongly Russian in character) will have the second one. The third will be distinctly Scottish by Capt. Macnair.

Mr. Ore will also play his 1st Sonata in one movement for pianoforte, and one or two smaller pieces, among which will be his Chinese transcriptions. Mrs. Womack will also sing four of Lieut.-Col. Cardew's songs.

OPERATIC CONCERT

**AT THE STAR THEATRE
SUNDAY**
ITALIAN ARTISTES

An operatic concert will be given at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on Sunday, by the leading members of the Carpi Italian Grand Opera Co. Favourite items from the operas already presented will be selected to make up the programme.

Tentatively the programme is as under:—

1. "Andrea Chenier" Signor Frera
2. "Aida" Signor Bodini
3. "Pagliacci" Signor Realli
4. "Barbiere di Siviglia" Signorina Ferito
5. "Mignon" Signorina Agorino
6. "Pagliacci" Signor Giovanni
7. "La Perle du Brésil" Signorina Ersanilli
8. "Ritorno" Signorina Impolomoni
9. "Pescatori di Perle" Signor Gillette
10. Selection from "Rose Marie" Madame Henkina

Interval
1. "Ernan" Signor Impolomoni
2. "Italian Songs" Signorina Ferito

3. Ballet
4. "Ay Ay" Spanish Song
5. "Caro Nome" Madame Henkina

6. "Fanciulla del West" Signor Frera
7. "Neapolitan Song" Signorina Agorino

8. Quartette from "Rigoletto" Signorina Ersanilli
9. Signorina Agorino
10. Signor Gillette
11. Signor Realli

WAR IN SHANTUNG

Chefoo, Yesterday.
Fushanhsien is still held by Northern troops under Chu Yu-pu, owing to the Nationalist General Liu Chen-nien not accepting Chu Yu-pu's demand for freedom in return for surrender.

Nationalist casualties are reported to be heavy. Liu Chen-nien is unable to bombard the city owing to Chu Yu-pu stationing civilians in front of the soldiery on the city walls.—Reuter.

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"RIVER PIRATE"

**THRILLING FILM TO-DAY AT
QUEEN'S**
VICTOR McLAGLEN

Those who have read "The River Pirate," by Charles Francis Coe, which recently ran in the Saturday "Evening Post" and which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow, will recall, most of all, that it was, primarily, the story of a boy who never had a chance until he met the girl who plucked him from a life of crime.

The central figures are a pair of boon companions, a hard-boiled sailor, and a mere youth, who engage in river piracy, working in the dark of the night and ever pursued by watchful harbour police. This provides for just a few more thrills than come to the usual motion picture.

Victor McLaglen plays the role of the river pirate with his companion enacted by Nick Stuart. Lois Moran is the girl in the case, and Earl Foxe takes the part of the double crossing "shark."



Mary Pickford—one of the latest snaps.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

**BROADCAST BY
Z. B. W.**
ON 350 METRES

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from Government Broadcast Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music, (Odeon records supplied through the courtesy of Sincere Co., Ltd.).

7.48 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening programme, (Columbia records supplied through the courtesy of Anderson Music Co.).

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

RADIO IN HOSPITAL

**INSTALLATION ORDERED
FOR THE "MATILDA"**

Radio as a means of entertainment of hospital patients is by no means a novelty in other parts of the world, therefore it is interesting to learn that at least one of Hong Kong's hospitals is falling in line.

This enterprising hospital is the Matilda, the patients at which will soon be the first inmates of a medical institution in the Colony to listen-in. An order has been placed with the General Electric Co., for the installation set, and work is already proceeding.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS

May 2, 1929.

Messrs. L. C. Admiral, Arnot, Messrs. A. Brese, A. M. Birchall, C. W. T. Barker.

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Mr. M. F. D. Graham, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Messrs. F. Kulka, Pierre Kahn, Mr. Loong Kwai-lum, Miss H. Lillie.

Madame Mareschal, Mr. J. E. Nixon, Mr. S. Schofield, Mrs. Mary E. Stees and John A. Stees, Miss E. W. Shay, Messrs. W. E. Watmough, A. G. Waller, Wong Chuen-tak and Wong Fook-sang, Thos. A. Winbiger.

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TYO MARU	Monday, 20th May.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 4th May.
EARUNA MARU (Cable Mail)	Saturday, 18th May.
KAMO MARU	Wednesday, 22nd May.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Wednesday, 20th June.
KAGA MARU	Wednesday, 20th June.
TANGO MARU	Saturday, 11th May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Saturday, 11th May.
TAMBA MARU	Tuesday, 28th May.
PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 28th May.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Thursday, 30th May.
GINYO MARU	Thursday, 30th May.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Monday, 6th May.
HAKATA MARU	Monday, 6th May.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	Sunday, 12th May.
TSUYAMA MARU	Sunday, 12th May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.	Monday, 21st May.
TOYOOKA MARU	Monday, 21st May.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Wednesday, 8th May.
MALACCA MARU	Wednesday, 8th May.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Saturday, 4th May.
MORIOKA MARU (Mojito direct)	Saturday, 4th May.
TSURUGA MARU	Thursday, 9th May.
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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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AMUR MARU	Sunday, 12th May.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	Friday, 17th May.
SANTOS MARU	Friday, 17th May.
BOMBAY—via Singapore & Colombo.	Saturday, 4th May.
HONOLULU MARU	Saturday, 4th May.
SUMATRA MARU	Sunday, 19th May.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOBEASA—via Singapore & Colombo.	Friday, 31st May.
CHICAGO MARU	Friday, 31st May.
CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Saturday, 18th May.
KASADO MARU	Saturday, 18th May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	Tuesday, 7th May.
AFRICA MARU	Tuesday, 21st May.
MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Wednesday, 8th May.
HIMALAYA MARU	Wednesday, 8th May.
BANGKOK—via Saigon.	Thursday, 9th May 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG—via Hoihow & Pakhoi.	Thursday, 9th May 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 9th May 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	Wednesday, 15th May.
HAGUE MARU	Wednesday, 15th May.
JAPAN PORTS.	Sunday, 5th May.
BATAVIA MARU	Sunday, 5th May.
ALTAI MARU	Wednesday, 15th May.
CELONG—via SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 5th May 3 p.m.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 12th May 3 p.m.
TAKAO—via SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 12th May 3 p.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG	Sunday, 5th May.
BATAVIA MARU	Wednesday, 22nd May.
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DUKE IN JAPAN

(Continued from Page 1)

The Emperor Punctually at 11 o'clock the Emperor, attired in the uniform of Generalissimo of the Japanese armed forces, entered, attended by the Grand Master of Ceremonies, the Grand Chamberlain, his principal A.D.C. and others, and mounted the Throne while all present stood in silence with their heads bowed towards him. Then an unseen band struck up "God Save the King," very slowly and impressively, as the Duke and his suite were seen coming down a corridor leading to the Throne Room.

Before The Throne

Each member of the suite in turn advanced slowly and solemnly towards the Throne and, after bowing deeply before it, stepped back a few paces to the right and halted facing inward. Last of all came the Duke himself. Halting before the Throne he read a message from the King, asking the Emperor to accept the insignia of the Garter, this message being then rendered into Japanese by one of the chamberlains. This done, the Prince with great solemnity presented the autograph letter which he had brought from his royal father, King George, and after another bow, stepped back a few paces, whereupon the Emperor, addressing the Duke, expressed his thanks for the courtesy of the British monarch in conferring this honour upon him and sending it by the hand of his own son. Then the main ceremony took place.

The Ceremony

Mounting the steps leading to the Throne, the Duke, kneeling with one knee on a cushion, solemnly adjusted the Garter on the left leg of the Emperor, who had raised his foot on to a small stand placed there for the purpose. This done, the other insignia were, each in turn, presented to the Japanese ruler and the Duke and his suite then fell back bowing deeply and retired from the room to the soft strains of "God Save the King," played once more by the hidden band.

Thus ended the main ceremony for which the Duke has journeyed to Japan and, for the third time in history, a Japanese Emperor is numbered among the illustrious few holding the highest Order of British Knighthood—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Honour for the Duke

Twenty minutes after the Duke of Gloucester's return from investing the Emperor with the Garter, the Emperor proceeded to Kasumigaseki and conferred upon the British Prince the Grand Order of the Chrysanthemum with Collar, the highest Japanese decoration and held by only two Japanese subjects—Admiral Togo and Prince Saionji. In the afternoon the Duke will receive the Imperial Princes and Princesses, heads of foreign diplomatic missions, and high court officials while, in the evening, he will attend a dinner by the Emperor at the Imperial Palace—Reuter.

THE GARTER

A Coveted Honour for Emperor of Japan

As is well known, the Duke of Gloucester's visit to Japan is in order to invest the Mikado with the Order of the Garter. The Emperor of Japan will be the ninth sovereign living to-day who will be honoured with the distinguished order.

The United Kingdom, has eight Orders of Knighthood—the Garter, the Thistle, St. Patrick, the Bath, the Star of India, St. Michael, and St. George, the Indian Empire, and the Royal Victorian Order.

The Order of the Garter is undoubtedly the oldest as well as the

most illustrious anywhere existing. It was instituted in the middle of the 14th century. But in what particular year this event occurred is and has been the subject of much difference of opinion. Regarding the occasion there has been almost as much controversy as regarding the date of its foundation.

Legend of the Countess

As to the occasion, the more general story is that of the Countess of Salisbury's garter. But some reject this legend as "a vain and idle romance derogatory both to the founder and the Order." These contend that nothing is more likely than that in a crowded assembly a lady should accidentally have dropped her garter, and that on its being taken up by King Edward III. he should have reprieved the levity of his courtiers by so happy and chivalrous an explanation, placing the garter at the same time on his knee, as "Dishonoured be he who thinks ill of it."

Another legend is that King Richard I., while his forces were fighting against Cyprus and Acre, had been inspired by St. George to renew the courage of his soldiers by tying about the legs of a chosen number of knights a leathern thong or garter. Still another account says that King Edward III. having given his own garter as the signal of a battle which sped fortunately the victory, he took the occasion to institute this order.

The original companionship of the order consisted of the sovereign and its knights, and no change was made in this respect until 1786. In 1805 and 1831 further additions were made to the Order. The offices of the Order are five—the prelate, Chancellor, registrar, King of Arms, and usher. The prelate has at rays been the Bishop of Winchester, the Chancellor is the Bishop of Oxford, the registrar, the Earl of Arundel, the King of Arms is the Garter Principal King of Arms, and the Usher is the gentleman usher of the Black Rod. The Chapel of the Order is St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The insignia are Garter, the Collar and George, the lesser George and ribbon, and the Star.

The King is the head of the Order and Queen Mary is a lady of the Garter. The present Kings of Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, Denmark, Belgium and Rumania are Knights of the Order. The Order was conferred on the Duke of Gloucester on March 31, 1921.

"MODEL" LANDLORD

CORNWALL AND ITS ROYAL DUKE
PINK BUNGALOWS

Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, at the annual dinner of the London Cornish Association, held at the Hotel Cecil, paid a high tribute to the Duke of Cornwall (the Prince of Wales) as landlord.

Having rebuked visitors who strewed Cornish beauty spots with broken bottles and sandwich tins, Sir Arthur proceeded:

"Worse than that is the small profiteer who comes down and degrades our coast with pink bungalows, so that one would almost think that Cornwall, besides daffodils and brooch, grew pink bungalows. Even worse is the speculative man, who takes a piece of Cornish coast and breaks up our cliff tracks and cuts off the ground upon which our fishermen dry their nets, in the hope of selling it at a profit to some hotel. Almost as bad is the oil magnate, who strews his filthy oil along our harbours and along our coast, not only to the annoyance of the inhabitants, but to the devastation of bird life.

"I know the temptations that beset landlords, and I know how hard a time they have had, but we have good landlords in Cornwall who do not allow this sort of thing, and chief among our landlords is his Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, who is a model landlord. (Cheers.) Cornwall has a character to lose, and these landlords, and especially our Prince, are not protecting Cornwall alone, but are developing Cornwall along the right lines."

He said that motorists should be treated with real Cornish hospitality. Better hotel accommodation at more reasonable prices than at present should be provided, and the county should look after the railway refreshment rooms a great deal better.

Tin, pilchards, crab, and flowers, as products of Cornwall, were displayed, and the banquet hall was also adorned with banners from Cornish towns that had never before been taken out of the county. Mr. Justice Hawke, president of the association, and Lady Hawke, received the guests. Sir Walter Peacock, secretary to the Duchy of Cornwall, and Lady Peacock were the guests of honour.

During the evening messages were received from the King and the Duke of Cornwall.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Chartered Steamship, "ROMOLO"

arrived from Trieste and ports on the 27th April, 1929, and in consequence of fire on board whilst en route to the Far East, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that a General Average has been declared. It is, therefore, necessary for the Average Bond to be signed, and a deposit of 25 per cent. paid on the market value of the goods on arrival.

All goods are being landed at consignees' risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous &/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All damaged cargo will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 1st May, 1929, at 10 a.m. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd May, 1929, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 27th April, 1929.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Motor Vessel, "ROMOLO"

arrived from Trieste and ports on the 27th April, 1929, and in consequence of fire on board whilst loading at Trieste, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that a General Average has been declared. It is, therefore, necessary for the Average Bond to be signed, and a deposit of 2 per cent. paid on the market value of the goods on arrival.

All goods are being landed at consignees' risk into the non-hazardous, hazardous &/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All damaged cargo will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 1st May, 1929, at 10 a.m. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd May, 1929, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 27th April, 1929.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

The Motor Vessel, "MALAYA"

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 8th May, 1929, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 6th May, 1929, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 11th May, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 7	July 12
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 21	July 27
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 9
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 21
EMPEROR OF FRANCE	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 19	Oct. 28
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 16
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Nov. 24	Nov. 30
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Nov. 27	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 14
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MON. 13th MAY WED. 29th

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Emress of Asia" arrived at Kobe on May 2 (Thurs.) at 10.30 a.m., left Kobe on May 2 (Thurs.) at 5 p.m., and is due at Nagasaki on May 3 (Fri.) at 4 p.m. She leaves Nagasaki on May 4 (Sat.) at 6 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Manila for this port on May 2 p.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on May 5 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Ararua" left Mojito for this port on May 1 p.m., and is due here on May 5 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benvenchuan" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on May 2, and is due to arrive here on May 6.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benvenchuan" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on May 6.

The Bank Line s.s. "City of Delhi" leaves for Singapore and U.K. May 9.

QUARANTINE

Hong Kong has imposed quarantine restrictions against arrivals of shipping from Shanghai on account of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex M.V. "Malaya" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 8. Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Newcastle" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 8.

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MORRIS	16,122	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*LAHORE	5,282	1st June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotter- dam & Hamburg.
DELTA	8,097	8th June	Marseilles, London & Hull.
*JEYPORE	5,313	15th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotter- dam & Hamburg.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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DELTA	8,097 10th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,900 13th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
*ROSSINGTON	— 14th May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COURT	— 21st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
*GURNA	5,248 22nd May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,558 24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SANTHA	7,764 5th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yama & Osaka.
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COURT	— 10th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715 10th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
TAKLIWA	7,936 19th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

S.S. "RHEKONOR"	 Via Suez Canal	8th May.
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HONG KONG BANK BILL

Facilities for the storage of
potable water, playgrounds and
fire fighting appliances were sub-
jects of discussion at yesterday's
meeting of the Legislative Council.
The first reading of the new
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation Ordinance was
passed. Because next Thursday
is the day on which there is an
eclipse of the moon, the Council
adjourned for a fortnight.

The attendance comprised:—
H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil
Clementi, K.C.M.G.);

H.E. the General Officer Com-
manding, China (Major-General
J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G.,
D.S.O.), the Colonial Secretary
(the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern,
C.M.G.), the Attorney-General
(the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp,
C.B.E., K.C.), the Colonial Treas-
urer (the Hon. Mr. C. McL.
Messer, O.B.E.), the Secretary
for Chinese Affairs (the Hon.
Mr. R. A. C. North);

The Director of Public Works
(the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy,
C.B.E.), the Captain Superintendent
of Police (the Hon. Mr. T.
H. King), the Harbour Master
(the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole,
R.N. retired), the Director of
Medical and Sanitary Services
(the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington);

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow,
the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the
Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon.
Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., the
Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith;
Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Deputy
Clerk of Councils).

On taking his seat for the first
time, the Hon. Mr. Beith (who re-
presents the Hong Kong General
Chamber of Commerce during the
absence of Mr. J. Owen Hughes)
took the customary oath.

Town Planning in Kowloon

Replies were read by Govern-
ment spokesmen to the questions
by Unofficial members who had
given notice.

The Director of Public Works
replied to questions by the Hon.
Mr. Braga, as follows:—

Question:—Will the Director
of Public Works inform the Coun-
cil whether in the scheme of Town
Planning for Kowloon any site,
and where, has been earmarked
for a recreation ground for the
growing number of members of
the Police Force stationed at
Kowloon and of the subordinate
staff in the service of the Govern-
ment?

Reply:—Apart from the parade
ground at the Police Training
School no area has been officially
earmarked as a recreation ground
either for the Police Force or for
the subordinate employees of
Government residing at Kowloon.

Question:—If no such site has
been marked out as yet, will the
Government consider the advan-
tage of forthwith making a
suitable reservation of Crown
land, both as regards area and
location, for recreation purposes
for the above mentioned members
of the Civil Service residing at
Kowloon?

Reply:—The Town planning
scheme for Kowloon makes pro-
vision for the reservation of
several areas for recreation
grounds and Government pro-
poses to develop these as and
when funds can be made avail-
able. The Government has de-
cided to appoint a Committee
under Chairmanship of the Col-
onial Secretary to review the
provision at present existing for
playing fields in Hong Kong and
on the mainland to consider what
provision is required for the
future and to make recommenda-
tion in the matter.

Fire Brigades' Resources

Replies to the Hon. Mr.
Braga's questions about fire fight-
ing were given by the Colonial
Secretary, as follows:—

Question:—Without implying
any reflection on the personnel of
the efficient and hardworking
staff of the Fire Brigade, is the
Government satisfied with the up-
to-dateness and completeness of
the appliances and equipment for
life-saving in the event of another
outbreak of fire like that of the
King Edward Hotel in the small
hours of March 11?

Reply:—The Government is
satisfied that the life-saving ap-
paratus and equipment of the
Hong Kong Fire Brigade are
thoroughly up to date except the
motor turntable ladder which is
seven years old, and is 63 feet in
height. It is to be remembered
that this appliance is primarily a
water-tower, to be used as such
by members of the Fire Brigade,
and can only occasionally be used
for life-saving purposes, in cir-
cumstances requiring extreme
care and considerable skill. The
Government has taken note of
the suggestion in the finding of
the Jury at the Inquest into the
fatalities in the King Edward
Hotel fire that an improved water-
tower should be obtained and the
matter is now under considera-

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Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun., 12th May at 7 a.m.
Tiau via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 15th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	KUTSANG	Mon., 6th May at 10 a.m.
Kobe	SUISANG	Sun., 12th May at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues., 7th May at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Fri., 17th May at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Wed., 22nd May at 3 p.m.
Sundakan	HINGSANG	Thurs., 9th May at 10 a.m.
Sundakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 24th May at Noon
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Height of Ladders

Question:—Are the rescue-
ladders of a sufficient height to
reach the top floor of the tallest
building in the Colony when any
inmates are entrapped therein in
the case of a fire?

Reply:—No. The longest man-
ual fire escape in Hong Kong is 55
feet in height, which is the
largest made. The largest
mechanical Fire Brigade ladder
or water-tower manufactured so
far as is known is only 85 feet in
length and there are many build-
ings in the Colony with storeys
above this height. It is one of
these water-towers which is re-
ferred to in the answer to the
first part of the Honourable Mem-
ber's question.

Question:—If not, will the Gov-
ernment take immediate steps to
provide the Fire Department with
a sufficiency of all appliances (in-

cluding jumping-sheets) neces-
sary so as to avert the recurrence
of a disaster and to minimise, as
far as practicable, the loss of
lives such as happened in the
King Edward Hotel fire?

Reply:—With the exception of
the improved water-tower al-
ready referred to the Fire Brigade
has all the equipment recognised
by the London Fire Brigade as
life-saving apparatus. Certain
other appliances such as rocket
lines have been under careful con-
sideration but are not considered
to be of practical value.

Inspection of Buildings
Question:—(d) Will the Gov-
ernment cause an immediate in-
spection to be made of all the
large buildings and offices in the
Colony (e.g., China Building,
Queen's, King's, Prince's, Alexan-
dra, and similar buildings), to
ascertain if:—

(1) fire exits are provided on
every floor therein;

(2) there are indicators showing
the way to the exits and lighted
in red by night, in the same man-
ner as is done in theatres;

(3) that the passages along these
exits are made easily acces-
sible and kept from obstruc-
tions at all times?

(e) If no powers exist to com-
pel the enforcement of the re-
quirements stated in clauses (i),
(ii) and (iii) of the foregoing
question, will the Government
frame and introduce early leg-
islation with a view:—

(a) to amend the Building Ord-
nance so as to invest the
Building Authority with statu-
tory power enabling him to
call upon the owners of
buildings of the type men-
tioned in Question (d) to
make adequate and ample
provision for fire-escapes in
such buildings, and to permit
of their regular inspection by
officers appointed by the Gov-
ernment;

(b) to require that the main
staircase of buildings design-
ed for use as hostels and
groups of offices shall be
built of fireproof material?

(f) Will the Government con-
sider the advisability of com-
pelling holders of Hotel-licences to
fulfil the requirements set out in
Question (d) and to install au-
tomatic electric fire-alarms, or
other mechanical contrivances for
effectively raising alarms upon an
outbreak of fire, in their pre-
mises?

Staff Not Available
Replies:—Power of inspection of
buildings by the Building Author-
ity exists, but the necessary staff
to make immediate inspections
such as are suggested in the
Honourable Member's question is
not available.

Inspections were actually made
by Fire Brigade Officers of 192
buildings during 1928 and advice
given. The more difficult ques-
tions are those of the policy of en-

forcing a more modern interpreta-
tion of section 149 of Ordinance
No. 1 of 1903 in the case of
buildings erected prior to the en-
actment of that section in 1903,
and of the power to enforce such
an interpretation in the case of
buildings which have been certi-
fied as complying with Ordinance
No. 1 of 1903.

This subject has from time to
time engaged the attention of the
Government and it is now a mat-
ter for consideration whether the
interests of the public should not
outweigh the hardship to owners
of property.

Legal Position

In view of doubts as to the
legal position fresh legislation
would be necessary amending sec-
tion 149 of the Public Health and
Buildings Ordinance and enabling
modern safety requirements to be
made enforceable in the case of
all buildings irrespective of age
and prior certificates. The
Government is not yet satisfied
that drastic legislation of this
kind is called for. It will be
realised that the enforcement of
such legislation would render
necessary the reconstruction of
such of the house property at pre-
sent existing in Hong Kong.

Opinions Vary

Under the Law as it has existed
since 1903, all buildings with
floors more than 40 ft. above the
level of the street are required to
be provided with such means of
escape in the case of fire for the
persons dwelling or employed
therein as the Building Authority
may reasonably require, in ac-
cordance with section 149 of
Ordinance 1 of 1903. This re-
quirement has been regularly en-
forced since 1903 but opinions
have varied from time to time as
to what is reasonable, much
stricter views having prevailed in
recent years. The Building
Authority now consults the Chief
Officer, Fire Brigade, before
expressing satisfaction under
section 149. The section further
requires any means of escape so
provided to be maintained to the
satisfaction of the Building
Authority; but insufficiency of
staff has prevented regular in-
spections from being carried out
to see that this part of the section
is observed.

Special Protection

Certain classes of exceptional
buildings such as Hotels,
Cinemas, Theatres, etc., have for
some years past been required by
the Building Authority to have
special protection against fire
even though of a less height than
those referred to in section 149.
The Government is now consid-

The 1927 Committee

The Colonial Secretary also re-
plied to questions of the Hon.
Mr. Shenton, as follows:—

Question:—What steps have
been taken by the Government to
carry out the report of the Com-
mittee appointed to consider sug-

gestions for the improvement of
the fire-fighting organisation of
the Colony, which was laid on the
table of the Legislative Council
on May 27, 1927?

Reply:—In matters of person-
nel and equipment the recom-
mendations of the Committee re-
ferred to have been generally
adopted and either have been or
are being carried out with certain
minor exceptions, the chief of
which is that the Government
considered it best to retain the
Captain Superintendent of Police
as Chief Officer of the Fire
Brigade.

As regards construction, it has
not yet been possible to provide
funds for the suggested main
Station in Kowloon but the site re-
ferred to is earmarked for the
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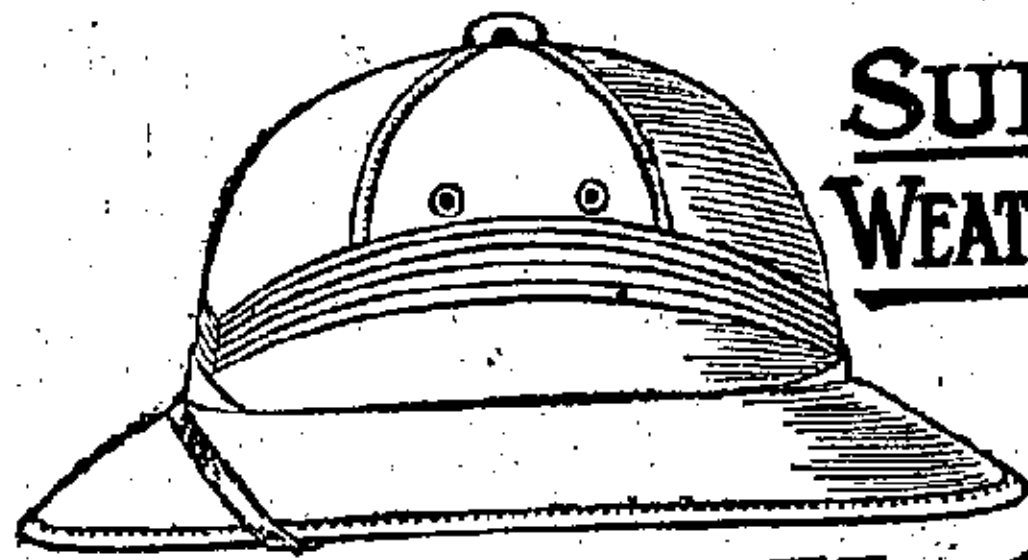
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ABERDEEN WATER SCHEME

In yesterday's "China Mail" we expressed the view that the proposed expenditure of \$2,702,000—(which figure we presume has been decided upon after very careful consideration and calculation)—on the Aberdeen Water Scheme was a matter "obviously imperative" in view of the precarious state of our water supply generally, together with the frequent and unexpected influx to our population from disturbed Kwangtung and elsewhere. We are glad to note that the members of the Legislative Council, at yesterday afternoon's meeting, were unanimously of the same opinion. The resolution, moved by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, the Colonial Secretary, and seconded by the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, was adopted unanimously. Any other decision would have seemed to indicate that the Council are not so fully aware as they ought to be of the gravity of the water situation. They are, of course, very well aware of it, even though they may not be able wholly to excuse themselves from the state of affairs unfortunately still existing. Tardiness in effecting remedies may not be quite so bad as neglect, but still its deplorable effects are not infrequently the same.

The Colonial Secretary, with reference to the new proposal, very properly observed that it appeared to be "the last remaining practical scheme for any large increase in the storage of water on the Island of Hong Kong without almost prohibitive expenditure." "I think it will be generally admitted," he further observed,

"especially in view of our unpleasant experience during the long drought, that whatever water we may be able to bring over from Kowloon we ought to have available all possible means of storage on this side." And he reminded his auditors that "the Government has not put forward this Aberdeen scheme as a substitute for that portion of the Shing Mun scheme which involved the bringing of Shing Mun water to Hong Kong. We are pushing ahead with this scheme as fast as we can." The Aberdeen scheme is supplementary to that of Shing Mun. Mr. Southern also explained that "it would be necessary to charge the Aberdeen scheme and the extension of the Shing Mun scheme to a further loan, to be raised on a future date. For the present we will be able to advance the necessary money from the surplus funds of the Colony which will later be reimbursed from Loan Funds."

Sir Shou-son Chow, briefly and to the point, said that "whatever we may be able to bring across from Kowloon we ought to proceed simultaneously with the Aberdeen Water Scheme which will secure an improved supply to the Island and especially to the western end of the city." More important still was Sir Shou-son's observation to the effect that "the unofficial members agree with Your Excellency that this work is more properly chargeable to Loan Funds than to current revenue." Thus has the Aberdeen scheme been set upon a practical basis and all that need now be hoped is that the work will be conducted expeditiously. We feel sure that the ratepayers may trust the powers-that-be to see that every facility will be afforded the scheme being continued steadily until finished.

At the time of writing there seems some indications of our long drought breaking up at last. Still, the state of affairs generally in connection with the water supply is of such a precarious nature—judging by the unpleasant experiences of the past few months—that no matter how sanguine we may feel regarding the Shing Mun Valley scheme, it is obvious that everything that can be done on the Island towards storing water should be done. Thus the Aberdeen scheme is fully justified, and, we repeat, we trust that the work will be completed as quickly as possible.

The growing disposition of industry to turn off employees because of age or aged appearance is in degree an economic error, says Will J. French, California's director of industrial relations. He believes there should

be an effort made to build up intelligent public sentiment against the practice. French deplores the tendency of employers in fixing a maximum age of thirty-five in hiring men through state employment agencies, saying that this arbitrarily deprives many companies of an opportunity to engage seasoned, experienced men with sound judgment.—Boston (Massachusetts) Herald.

One case of small-pox and two cases of enteric fever (one Indian) were notified yesterday.

H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was pleased to receive a pair of Sir William Crookes sun glasses from Messrs. Lazarus, the Opticians, whilst he was in the Colony.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed on a Chinese yesterday by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy for the theft of letters from private letter boxes in the Yau-mat district.

Two men, one armed with a knife, held up and robbed a Chinese widow, 42, named Leung Yee, yesterday afternoon in Tai-po-rod, of a pair of ear-rings and some clothing, to the value of \$5.82.

Yesterday morning in Canton-road, Yau-mat, a bus belonging to the China Motor Bus Company knocked down and injured a Chinese girl. She was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, but died on the way. She was five years old, and resided at No. 4, Canton-road.

Sir David Galloway was among the passengers passing through the Colony yesterday, by the s.s. "Takliwa" from Kobe to Singapore. Sir David is physician extraordinary to the Sultan of Johore and an authority on tropical diseases, being the author of several books on that subject.

Many Roman Catholics and others will regret to hear that the Rev. Father D. D'Agala Valvo left for Italy to-day by the s.s. "Esquillo" on sick leave. Father D'Valvo has been attached recently to the Italian Mission at Walchow, but is also well known and respected in Hong Kong.

While a gang of coolies were yesterday engaged in transferring motor car, No. 454, on to the s.s. "Tashan," which left for Canton last night, the combined weight of the car and men proved to be too heavy for the gang-plank. It snapped in two, almost precipitating the car into the water. None was injured.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, two Chinese were charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., with loitering in Bonham-strand at 4.45 a.m., on April 30. When searched by an Indian constable, one had a knife and a torch, whilst the other had only three cents. The first was sentenced to two months' hard labour and the other to one month's imprisonment.

In an attempt to search three men, a Chinese detective named Au Shing received a stab-wound on the upper lip. It appeared that he stopped three men in Canton-road, Kowloon, shortly before midnight yesterday evening, for the purpose of searching them. One man presumably pulled out a knife or dagger and stabbed the detective, but the other two escaped.

OPIUM HAUL

FORGED GOVERNMENT LABELS FOUND

As the result of a surprise raid by Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit, a large quantity of opium was discovered in the third floor of No. 9 Hill-road yesterday.

A Chinese man and woman, who were in the rear cubicle, where the opium was found concealed in various places, were arrested. This morning they appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy to answer to four charges of unlawful possession of opium and forged Government opium labels.

The woman said that the opium belonged to her brother who was at present in Canton. The man denied all knowledge of the contraband.

His Worship inquired of the woman when her brother would be back from Canton, and was told in a few days' time.

The case was remanded until next Friday when the principal tenant of the flat will give evidence.

"Although Poppa's worth thousands I don't want much to make me happily married," exclaimed the only daughter. "Just a wee modern cottage, just a wee two-seater, just a wee garden and just—"

"Wee, too," interrupted the impecunious young hopeful, seeing his chance.

OPERA CO.

"CARMEN" PRODUCED AT STAR THEATRE

LARGE AUDIENCE

With this popular opera by Bizet being produced it was not surprising that a large audience was present at the Star Theatre last evening.

The story of the beautiful Spanish gypsy and Don Jose is well known, and people who saw and heard the Italian Grand Opera Company's rendering of it will remember it for a long time. Very little fault could be found with any part, except perhaps, that at times the orchestra appeared to be too loud, but even that was not very noticeable.

"Carmen" was admirably portrayed by Signorina Agazzino, and she quickly proved in the first act that she was well suited to the part. A splendid voice and the spirit of gaiety one expects from "Carmen" were at her command and her acting was above reproach.

As "Don Jose," the lover, Signor Giovanni scored a great success. He possesses a powerful tenor voice which he used to ad-

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WATER!

vantage all through. His singing of the "Prison Song" was most deservedly applauded.

Signor Casarosa played the part of the "Toreador" to perfection and was encored for his famous "Toreador's Song."

The part of "Micaela," the true lover of "Don Jose," was played by Signorina Henkina and as the innocent girl was an excellent foil to the flirtations and attractions of the gypsy.

The opera lends itself to combined singing, and it was noticeable that in this respect the company possess a really good chorus and the success the company had last evening was accentuated by splendid choruses and also by some excellent Spanish dances in Acts 2 and 4.

"Carmen" and "Micaela" both received floral tributes during the course of the opera and seldom before in Hong Kong have they been so well deserved.

To-night this same company is giving "La Boheme," and if it is done half so well as "Carmen" then it will still remain one of the best shows we have had in Hong Kong.

GAMBLING IN FLAT

CAUTION TO PRINCIPAL TENANT

POLICE RAID

Remarking that if gambling continued to be operated in her flat a fine of at least \$200 would be imposed, the First Magistrate, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning cautioned a Chinese woman who had been brought up on charges relating to gambling in her flat.

A Chinese detective stated that a squad of detectives under Det. Sergt. Goodwin raided No. 100, Main-street yesterday. The woman was in the front of the flat, while in a rear cubicle, a number of men were gambling. Although not caught gambling, the woman was the principal tenant and was well aware that gambling was being indulged in. The gamblers at once attempted to get clear of the premises by climbing up a ladder placed there specially for the purpose, but two of them were caught.

His Worship said that he could not convict the woman on the evidence, but made an order that the premises could not longer be used as a gambling den. He cautioned the woman and warned her against a repetition.

The two gamblers were fined \$2 or five days' imprisonment. The Magistrate suggested to the Police that they had better take a summons out against the woman if it were found that gambling was being continued.

GIRLS KILLED

JUNK FOKI COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Chau Kau, a former foki of a junk, who is charged with the murder of the junk master's two daughters on the evening of March 18, was this morning committed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Accused said that he had no witness to call, and reserved his defence.

P'RAPS —

P'RAPS NOT!

To cross a street in these days you've got to get back to your childhood and learn again how to hop, step and jump.—Sir Ian Hamilton

The greatest mission in a woman's life is to make a home happy. Destroy home life and you destroy a nation.—The Maharani of Baroda.

Q.—Why is a kiss like the creation?

A.—Because it is made of nothing and is very good.

Insanity is said to be decreasing. Maybe it's because so many things that used to be considered crazy aren't any more.

Dear Old Lady (to grocer): "I'll try a dozen of them Test Matches I hear so much about, if the heads don't come off."

Don't you think you could grow to love me? I'm afraid not. I've stopped growing.

When a man jumps into the river, it's pretty certain that there's a woman at the bottom of it.

Carey: "It's always to a man's credit when he stops drinking." Phipps: "Sometimes it is due to his lack of credit!"

Smith: "I saw a fight last night between a mouse and a hedgehog." Brown: "And how did they go on?" Smith: "Why, the hedgehog won on points, of course."

Mrs. Jones: "Just fancy! Elsie's gorn an' married a foreigner."

Mrs. Green: "Garn! Who told yer that?" Mrs. Jones: "It's right 'cos I heard this morning she's married a French polisher."

Old Lady (digging bus conductor in the ribs with her umbrella): "Is that the Bank of England, my man?"

Conductor: "No, mum; that's me."

The caddie placed the ball in position for the local grocer, who had taken up golf. He made a mighty swipe, and half a pound of teeing ground hit the caddie in the mouth.

"Hey!" said the injured one. "Though you are a grocer you are not supposed to put the tee in the caddie."

Little Binks had been invited to a party at his governor's house, and during the course of the evening his hostess, trying to make conversation, asked him, "And, Mr. Binks, have you an ear for music?"

"Well—er—no, mum," he muttered, "can't say I have. You see I have only two—and one's for the telephone, I use the other as a pen-rack!"

An old gentleman was seated in a tramcar reading a newspaper. Presently he threw it down by the side of him and rose as if he was about to get out. He changed his mind, however, and sat down upon the morning journal which he had placed on the seat.

The tram hadn't proceeded very far when a young man opposite addressed the owner of the paper. "Excuse me, sir," he said, "but are you reading that paper you're sitting on?"

Busy Man: "I really cannot see you."

Traveller (eagerly): "Then I'm the very man you want, sir. I'm selling spectacles!"

He: "Are ye fond of moving pictures, Jean?"

She (hopefully): "Ay, Sandy."

He: "Then maybe, lass, ye'll help me get half a dozen doon out o' the attic."

Romeo (throwing himself on his knees): "Light of my life! Star of my existence! Hope of—"

Juliet: "Aw, dowsie the glimmer, kid, an' while ye're down there, button my shoe."

Patsy: "Are rosy cheeks a sign of good health?"

Sandy: "I should say they are."

Patsy: "Well, I saw a girl the other day who was a lot healthier on one side than the other."

"Grace," said the pretty girl's father, "has that young man who is always calling on you any expectations?"

"Yes, father," said Grace. "What do they consist of?"

"Me!"

TRADE WITH RUSSIA

WHAT A BRITISH COLLIERY DIRECTOR ADVISES

ENORMOUS POSSIBILITIES

London, Yesterday. Mr. Dan Thomas, who is a colliery director and who recently accompanied the trade delegation to Russia, in a statement, expresses the opinion that Britain should urge the immediate resumption of diplomatic relations to enable Britain to participate in the enormous trade possibilities Russia offers. "Whether other nations like it or not, Russian nationality will find its full expression,"—Reuter.

"JIGGS"

FAMOUS COMIC STRIP HERO IN FILMS

"BRINGING UP FATHER"

"Bringing Up Father," based on the famous newspaper cartoons, so popular in the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald," will be screened on Sunday and Monday at the Queen's Theatre.

The new picture is a comical series of adventures of "Jiggs," "Maggie," "Dinty Moore," and the rest of McManus characters, filmed on an elaborate scale.

James Farrell McDonald is seen in the role of "Jiggs," and Polly Moran as the redoubtable "Maggie." Marie Dressler appears as "Mrs. Dinty Moore" and Jules Cowles as "Dinty." Others in the cast include Gertrude Olmsted as Jiggs's daughter, Grant Withers as her suitor, Ross Dine as the society leader and Andres de Segura as the count.

The story was adapted directly from the George McManus cartoons incident after incident from the pictures being taken and woven together into a complete story. "Jiggs's" adventure with his wife's French poodle, the fights of the two, the reception and "Maggie's" courting of nobility—these are among the comical details, and the episodes in "Dinty Moore's" place and other incidents are also echoes of the newspaper comic strip.

ART DICTATOR

FAMOUS GERMAN IDEALIST DEAD

AMAZING WORKER

The death of Wilhelm von Bode, aged 84, at his Berlin home, marks the loss of a world of a grand old man of Europe, and of an art dictator unique in the history of any country. The "von" and title "His Excellency" was added to his name by the ex-Kaiser long after plain Dr. Bode, the young lawyer son of an art-loving Brunswick family, had raised Germany's collections to world-wide fame.

In 1871, after the Franco-German War and foundation of the Reich he entered the museum as an assistant. His ideal was to found in Germany, and more particularly in Prussia, with a centre in Berlin, galleries worthy of comparison with those of Paris and London. He wanted nothing for himself. A man of one idea, his powers increased with Hohenzollern prestige. He fought single-handed against whole boards and committees of Court officials as museum director.

The beginning of the Kaiser's reign found him Director of the Berlin picture gallery, the "Kaiser Friedrich Museum." Twenty years later he was general director of all Berlin galleries and museums. When the revolution came and the young republic was eager to increase real "Kultur" Dr. Bode placed himself and his unimpaired energies at its disposal.

He was also able to turn out articles on any subjects with more speed and brilliancy than most journalists, and was the author of countless books and monographs. Apart from the idealism that dominated his whole life, the secret of his success is said to lie in his almost superhuman memory. This made him literally omniscient. He remembered objects and prices paid at every auction, in Europe for decades past.

He has said repeatedly of late that he only wished to live to see the completion of the new museum. He reminded the Hohenzollerns of their duty to let their country have the first offer when wanting to sell any of their art treasures. He retired officially in 1920, but worked as hard as ever. He went every day to a gallery where a long queue of people was waiting outside. His door from all the countries of the world to ask his opinion of valuable objects which they carried.

All his life he was highly nervous and spare of figure. Of incredible energy, he wrote forty letters daily in his own hand.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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trailed motor pump is installed at Shaukiwan Police Station.

Great Difficulty

The relaying of the water mains and fixing of pedestal hydrants is being undertaken on annual votes.

As regards legislation for the purpose recommended by the Committee, namely to give the Governor-in-Council power to make regulations in regard to the prevention of fire escape from and extinction of fires, the matter was referred to the Attorney-General, who advised that legislation was necessary, but that the drafting of the Ordinance should await the formulation of the regulations to be made thereunder. The matter was then referred to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, but owing to the great difficulty of compiling practicable regulations, the matter has made slow progress. Draft regulations regarding Places of Public Entertainment, Carages and the Storage of inflammable liquids were recently submitted to the Government, together with a draft bill enabling these regulations to be put into effect. Further consideration of these draft regulations was postponed pending the finding of the Coroner's enquiry into the King Edward Hotel fire.

Question:—If steps have already been taken, what further steps does the Government propose to take?

Reply:—The regulations already drafted are receiving consideration and the preparation of further regulations is being considered by the departments concerned.

Aberdeen Water Scheme

At the conclusion of the "water resolution," H.E. the Governor said:—"I am very glad to find the Official and Unofficial members of one mind." The resolution, as moved by the Colonial Secretary, read:—

"That this Council approves the carrying out of the Aberdeen Water scheme set out in Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1927, at an estimated cost of \$2,702,000 and the expenditure of a sum of \$555,000 during the current financial year, the cost to be met by a future loan and meanwhile to be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the funds of the Colony"

How Much More

The Colonial Secretary said:—"Sir, The details of the scheme are fully set out in Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1927 and it is therefore unnecessary for me to take up the time of the Council with a detailed description of the scheme which, it is estimated, will provide an additional 2.12 million gallons of water a day. Suffice it to say that it appears to be the last remaining practicable scheme for a large increase in the storage of water on the Island of Hong Kong without almost prohibitive expenditure. I think it will be generally admitted, especially in view of our unpleasant experience during the long drought which unfortunately still continues, that, whatever water we may be able to bring across from Kowloon we ought to have available all possible means of storage on this side. The Government, as the Council knows, is not putting forward this Aberdeen scheme as a substitute for that portion of the Shing Mun scheme which involved the bringing of Shing Mun water to Hong Kong."

"As Fast as We Can"

We are pushing ahead with the Shing Mun scheme as fast as we can. Increased storage on the mainland is being provided in the new Kowloon Bye-wash Reservoir the actual construction of which should commence at a very early date and the Waterworks Engineer is, we hope, already engaged in final discussions with the Consulting Engineers as to the design of the pipe line. At the same time preliminary investigations are in hand for further storage on the upper reaches of the Shing Mun River. The Aberdeen scheme is, so far as Hong Kong Island is concerned, supplementary to the Shing Mun scheme and will be of the utmost value in securing improved supply to the Western end of the city which, in times of drought, is always the worst sufferer.

Cost of Resumptions

Honourable Members will notice a discrepancy between the estimated cost of \$2,627,000 given in the Sessional Paper and the figure of \$2,702,000 given in my resolution. This represents the difference between the estimated and the actual cost of the necessary resumptions. The estimated time necessary for completion of the Aberdeen scheme is three years so that if this resolution is approved we ought to obtain the benefits of the scheme in 1932. I need hardly remind Honourable Members that this scheme is strongly recommended by the Director of Public Works and the

Waterworks Engineer in the reports published in Sessional Paper No. 4 of 1928.

To Be Paid By Loan

Coming now to the question of Finance the Government is satisfied that waterworks schemes of this magnitude are not a fair charge on the current revenue of the Colony and has secured the approval of the Secretary of State to charge the cost of the Aberdeen scheme to Loan Funds. The present public works loan will, however, be more than fully expended in paying for the first section of the Shing Mun scheme, the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome and the Harbour Dredging. It will, therefore, be necessary to charge the Aberdeen scheme and the extensions of the Shing Mun scheme to a further loan which will be raised at a future date. For the present we shall be able to advance the necessary money from the surplus funds of the Colony which will later on be reimbursed from loan funds. It is estimated that the amount which will be required for expenditure during the current financial year is \$555,000, the greater part of which will be spent on resumptions.

I now formally move the resolution standing in my name and trust it will meet with the unanimous approval of the Council.

Unofficial's View

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow:—"As the senior Unofficial Member for the time being, I beg to second the resolution. The explanations given by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary are so full that it will be unnecessary for me to add anything to them beyond explaining that since Your Excel-

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lency's return to the Colony the Unofficial members have had a full discussion of the whole question of the supply with you, and have been convinced that whatever water we may be able to bring across from Kowloon, we ought to proceed simultaneously with the Aberdeen water scheme which will secure an improved supply to the Island and especially to the inhabitants of the Western end of the city who, in times of a water shortage, suffer the most. The Unofficial members agree with Your Excellency that this work is more properly chargeable to Loan Funds than to current revenue.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Hong Kong Bank Bill

The Hon. Mr. Shenton's speech regarding the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was as follows:—"The amendments effected by the body of this Bill and by the Regulations in the Schedule thereto are sufficiently explained by the objects and reasons attached to the Bill and by the two Tables of Correspondence which follow the objects and reasons, namely:—

1.—The table of correspondence between the Bill and Ordinances No. 2 of 1866 and No. 2 of 1924 which it supersedes; and
2.—The table of correspondence between the Regulations in the Schedule to the Bill and the provisions of the existing Deed of Settlement of the Bank.

Broadly speaking, the object of the Bill is:—

1.—To incorporate the Bank for an unlimited period instead of as hitherto for limited periods of years at a time.
Third Parties

2.—To make the Bill and Regulations (after they become law) binding on third parties as well as on the Bank and on shareholders, for the reasons given in paragraph 5 of the objects and reasons.

3.—To enlarge by means of the combined effect of clause 5 (1) of the Bill and of Regulation 3 in the Schedule the business which may be lawfully carried on by the Bank.
Regulation 3 is based not merely upon modern British precedents relating to banking companies but also upon local conditions prevailing in the Far East. See in particular on this latter point paragraphs (8) and (13) of Regulation 3.

4.—To secure increased powers (based upon sections 41 and 45 of the English Companies Act, 1908) in regard to the alteration and re-organisation of the Bank's capital. (See clauses 8 and 9 of the Bill).

Modern Precedents

5.—To omit certain provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1866 relating to the Bank which are considered either impracticable or unnecessary. (See clause 20 of the objects and reasons).

6.—To substitute the Regulations in the Schedule to the Bill for the articles of the present Deed of Settlement of the Bank, so as to bring such Regulations into line with modern precedents appearing in "Palmer on Com-

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(In Voluntary Liquidation).

A FINAL DIVIDEND is intended to be declared in the above matter and creditors who have not already done so, are required on or before the 15th day of June, 1929, to send in their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts and claims (if any) to the undersigned at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, and if so required by notice in writing from the undersigned, are to come in and prove their said debts and claims at such time and place as shall be appointed in such notice and in default thereof they will be excluded from this dividend.

Dated this 1st day of May, 1929.

J. HENNESSEY SETH,

F.S.A.A.,

S. HAMPDEN ROSS,

A.C.A., A.S.A.A.,

Joint Liquidators.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-21

and IN THE MATTER OF THE FRANCO CHINESE TRADING CO., LTD.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From U.S.A.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 8th May, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 15th May, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

THE BANK LINE LIMITED,

General Agents.

Hong Kong, 3rd May, 1929.

panies," instead of continuing the somewhat out-of-date language on the present Deed of Settlement.

7.—To make the language of the Regulations correspond with either the present practice of the Bank, or the present requirements of the Bank; (see items 18, 19, 22, 30, 32, 47, 48, 52, 53, 55, 56, 65, 81, 89, 92, 94, 97, 98, 102, 109, 110, 118, 121, 123-125, 127, 130, 135, 140-144, 149, 150, 152, 157, 158, 160, 168, and 169 of the Table of Correspondence between the Regulations and the provisions of the existing Deed of Settlement of the Bank).

The Hon. Mr. Hynes seconded and the Bill passed its first reading.

Then followed the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council. Twelve votes totalling \$114,782, to supplement the 1928 and 1929 expenditure, were passed without comment by the Council, presided over by the Colonial Secretary.

WANTED

WANTED.—Young Chinese male stenographer for English correspondence in Tientsin. Reply The Secretary, P. O. Box No. 22.

WANTED.—Young Chinese male stenographer for Amoy. Reply The Secretary, P. O. Box No. 22.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON SATURDAY, the 4th May, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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Hong Kong, 3rd May, 1929.

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ON MONDAY, the 6th May, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m., at Godown No. 12, The Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

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CHINA AND JAPAN

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AN AGREEMENT SIGNED

Nanking, Yesterday.
Following a conference between
Dr. C. T. Wang (Minister for For-
eign Affairs in the National Govern-
ment of China) and Mr. K. Yoshi-
zawa (Japanese Minister to China)
this morning, an agreement for the
settlement of the Nanking and Han-
kow Incidents was signed.

The spokesman of the Foreign
Ministry stated that the Nanking
agreement was practically similar
to the Sino-British and Sino-
American settlements; while the
Hankow agreement differed in many
respects from both the Nanking and
Tsinan affairs.

Commercial Treaty
Dr. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa
discussed the revision of the Sino-
Japanese Commercial Treaty and
are conferring again this evening.

It is stated that the Japanese
Minister is going to Shanghai to-
night, and will shortly return to
Japan, returning to China before
May 26 to discuss again the ques-
tion of treaty revision, with Dr.
Wang, after the state burial of Dr.
Sun Yat-sen.

The Japanese Minister, accom-
panied by the Foreign Minister,
called on Marshal Chiang Kai-shek
this afternoon.—Reuter.

WAR MUNITIONS

COMMITTEE STILL DISCUSSING "LIMITATIONS"

NEW PROPOSALS

Geneva, Yesterday.
There was an animated discus-
sion by the Disarmament Com-
mittee upon two proposals for the
limitation of war materials, first-
ly, one by Germany providing for
direct limitation through a table
showing stocks of arms; and
secondly, a French proposal sug-
gesting that the Budgetary esti-
mates provide an indication of the
reserve of war materials.

Viscount Sato (Japan), Signor
De Marinis (Italy), and the
Czechoslovak and Yugo-Slav de-
legates favoured the latter pro-
posal, whilst the Swedish delegate
favoured direct limitation, which
Mr. Gibson also said he preferred.
—Reuter.

Reports Refuted
Washington, Yesterday.
Press reports from Geneva that
the Disarmament Commission has
abandoned the principle of reduc-
tion of armaments in favour of
limitation is contradicted by Mr.
Gibson in a cable reply to Mr.
Stimson.

He says the only basis for such
an allegation was the unanimous
rejection of a certain Soviet
amendment on a point of order.
Mr. Gibson added that the whole
commission made it clear that in
rejecting the amendment its posi-
tion as regards reduction was in
no wise prejudiced.—Reuter's
American Service.

TANK EXPLOSION

BIG BLAZE IN BURMA OIL REFINERY

Rangoon, Yesterday.
There was a serious fire at the
Burma Oil Company refinery at
Syzram this morning when a
100,000 gallon kerosene tank ex-
ploded, and blew off the roof, kill-
ing one man. 30,000 gallons of
kerosene are still burning.—Reu-
ter.

IN MEXICO

REBELS DRIVEN FROM THE NORTHERN FRONTIER

Douglas, Arizona, Yesterday.
After the Federal occupation of
Nogales and capture of the rebel
garrison of 1,500 men, Agua
Prieta, the last rebel stronghold
on the northern Mexican frontier,
has surrendered.—Reuter.

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/11 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/11 7/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	2/- 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/- 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand	1212 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1287 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	47 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	49
On Bombay—	
Wire	130 3/4
On demand	130 3/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	130 3/4
On demand	130 3/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	84 3/4
On Manila—	
On demand	95 3/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	79
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	105
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.90
Silver (per oz.)	25 3/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong—	
Kong	3% Prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cents 6% Prem.	—
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	33 3/4 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.17 1/2
New York	4.85 7/32
Brussels	34.95
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.07
Milan	92.62 1/2
Berlin	20.47
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.19 1/2
Oslo	18.19 1/2
Vienna	34.57
Prague	164
Helsingfors	198
Madrid	33.80 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/4
Athens	775
Bucharest	815 1/2
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2/5 3/4
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 3/16
Silver Spot & Forward	25 1/4

MAFIA GANG

NINE MONTHS' PROCEEDINGS ENDED

SENTENCES ON BANDITS

Termini Imerese, Sicily, Yesterday.
After nine months' proceedings
the trial of the Mafia gang of
bandits has ended. Out of 161
accused 150 were sentenced to the
maximum period of 23 years' im-
prisonment.
The jury took a week to reply
to the seven thousand questions
put to them.—Reuter.

'PLANE FATALITY

DUTCH NAVAL ACCIDENT NEAR BAGDAD

HOW IT HAPPENED

Bagdad, Yesterday.
The Dutch naval seaplane D22
en route to Java fouled the tele-
graph wires and crashed on the
Tigris bridge. The pilot was kill-
ed, and two occupants injured.
Further Details
Later.
The D22 was one of three Dutch
flying boats. She was piloted by
Lieut. Everts, who was making a
test flight, after the engine had
been overhauled, and was flying
very low. He alighted perfectly
on the Tigris after fouling, but
the machine swiftly taxied across
the water and crashed into the
Maude bridge of boats.—Reuter.

T.T. on London

T.T. on Shanghai 79 3/4

Banks

H.K. Banks \$1205 b 1210 s
(1202 1/2/5 sa)
H.K. London Reg. 1134 n
Chartered Bank 119 1/2 b
Mercantile A. & B. 133 n
Mercantile C. 154 n
P. & O. Bank 49 1/2 n
Bank of East Asia 100 1/2 n

Insurances

Canton Insurance 685 b
Union Insurance 385 b 361 sa
North China Insurance 1160 b
Yangtze Insurance 1350 n
China Underwriters 2.20 b 2.30 s
China Fire Insurance 295 b
H.K. Fire Insurance 765 b

Shipping

Douglases 36 s
H.K. Steamboats 27 b
H.K. Tugs & Lighters 230 b
(240 sa)

Indo-China (Pref.) 40 n
Indo-China (Def.) 70 n
Shell Transports 98/- n
Shell Transports (new) 122 n
Union Water-boats 122 n

Mining

Benguets 23 1/2 b
Kailan Mining Ad. 66 3/4 n
Langkats (comb.) 114 n
Langkats (singles) 77 1/2 n
Shanghai Explorations 72.90 s
Shanghai Loans 14 1/2 n
Raubs 66.65 n
Tronoh Mines 17 1/2 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.
H.K. & K. Wharves 121 n
H.K. & W. Docks 356 s
China Providents 44.55 b
(4 1/2/55 sa)

Hongkew

New Engineerings 15 1/2 b
Shanghai Docks 127 n

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons 12 1/2 b 12.40 sa
Oriental Cottons 12.2 b
Shanghai Cottons (old) 172 s
Shanghai Cottons (new) 173 n

Lands, Hotels & Buildings

H.K. & S. Hotels 8.70 b
H.K. Lands 61 1/4 b 62 1/4 sa
(61 1/4/62 sa)

Shanghai Lands 114 n
Humphreys' Estates 14.85 n
H.K. Realities 8.85 n
H.K. Territorials 11 n
Prince's Buildings 11 n

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways 18 1/2 b
Peak Trams (old) 12 1/2 b
Peak Trams (new) 6.30 n
Star Ferries 66 1/2 b 67 s
China Lights (comb.) 13.90 b
China Lights (old) 13.90 b
China Lights (new) 13.90 b
China Lights 1928 issue 13.90 b
H.K. Electrics (old) 56 1/2 b 57 s
(56 1/2/57 sa)

H.K. Electrics (new)

Macao Electrics 26 3/4 n
H.K. Telephones 7.15 s
China Buses 114 b
Singapore Tractors 11 1/6 n
Singapore Pref. 16 1/8 b
Sandakan Lts. 32 1/2 s

Industrials

China Sugars 31 n
Malabon Sugars 27 b
Canton Ties 1.80 b
Cements (comb.) 3.10 b 3.30 sa
Cements (old) 7.80 n
Cements (new) 1.40 n
H.K. Ropes (old) 6 1/2 n
H.K. Ropes (new) 6 1/2 n
United Asbestos 5 b

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farms 19 1/2 s
Watsons 10.20 n
Der A. Wings 80 cts. b
Lane, Crawford's 2 s
Mackintoshes 18 b
Sinceres 11.80 b x d
Wm. Powells 3.65 n

Miscellaneous

H.K. Amusements 30 3/4 b
Hong Kong Constructions 1 1/4 s
B. Ind. G. Bonds 66 1/2 b
H.K. Govt. Loans 5 1/2 b Prem.

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TO-MORROW'S GAMES

EQUALITY OF TWO DIVISIONS SATISFACTORY

DOUBTFUL TEAMS

[By Short Head]
To-morrow the jack comes into its own after a rest of a few months, during which the various Clubs have been devoting their attention to getting their greens in tip-top order for the new season's struggle. This year will be noteworthy in some respects. It will be the first under the presidency of the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, whose keenness with the "Government House party" a year ago was greatly admired by all followers of the game of lawn bowls. Again, this year will see the Shanghai bowlers coming down to try to gain back the "Ashes" that were unexpectedly wrested from them last season by Hong Kong's select. And the usual matches for the Singles Championship of the Colony, the Spey Royal Cup, and the Aitkenhead Trophy ought to provide enough sport for the most ardent player.

All "Dark Horses"
Little has been heard even round the various greens of the prospects of the various Clubs this season. Reports that this or that Club will be exceptionally strong or weak, as the case may be, have been proved on fuller enquiry to be exaggerated. As a matter of fact, on most of the greens there has been abnormally little practice, with the exception of Clubs like the Bowling Green and the Kowloon Cricket Club where play is possible practically the whole year round. A few of the greens have not come up to the expectations formed of them a year ago, and this in itself has kept back that flow of enthusiasm that usually greets the beginning of a new season. It has been seldom that we have been so confronted as at present with a "Wait and See" position. We have just to await the results of the first Saturday's games for a list of "Who's Who" and form some impression of the stand each Club is likely to make for the season's honours.

Equality of Divisions
The Lawn Bowls Association is to be commended for its action in making the First and Second Divisions of the League equal this season. Last year's arrangement proved lop-sided and inconvenient in many respects, besides leading to misunderstanding in the case of First Division Clubs being scheduled to play friendly games with Second Division teams. This season there are eight Clubs in each Division and the programme each Saturday will be even, no one Club standing out and hoping to pick up a friendly game with another Club on the idle list.

First Division Games
To-morrow's First Division games are:—
Taikoo R.C. v. Craignower C.C.
Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Police R.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C.
Club de Recreio v. Kowloon B.G.C.

The Taikoo Club went down in the same game last year by only seven points, but it would not be surprising to see the result reversed to-morrow with something in hand. The Taikoo Club have always a few veterans "on tap," which is useful not alone in an emergency but in welding together the younger blood and showing them a few wrinkles worth knowing. The Craignower Club, according to reports, may be weaker this season than last; but these tales of weak Clubs can as often as not be discarded.

The "play's the thing," and the history of the game demonstrates that "paper" teams are usually those most likely to spring surprises.

K.C.C. v. C.S.C.

These same reports have been spread likewise in regard to the Kowloon Cricket Club, who took the full four points from the Civil Service Cricket Club last season, the game at the Valley resulting in their favour by the narrow margin of three shots. Both the K.C.C. and the Civil Service Club have lost good players since the last jack was thrown at the end of last season, but both have often before had the same experience and still came up smiling for another year.

Police v. Kowloon Dock R.C.
Last season the Police, playing at the Valley, won by only nine shots. Both teams are in the position of always relying, like Taikoo, on a few veterans and trusting to luck to "rope in" a few younger players before the season is very old. The Police did much better last season than the year before. Both Clubs ought to be more or less level this year—hence the outcome of to-morrow's game is rather doubtful.

Club de Recreio v. K.B.G.C.
The Club de Recreio make their debut in the First Division, and many there are who will wish them a successful season. There are no better sportsmen in the Colony, and it is ever a treat to visit their ground at King's Park and partake not only of a "roll up" but of their proverbial hospitality—the very essence of the game of lawn bowls. Their opponents of to-morrow may regard the two points as already won, but, even so, President Warren's men would be the last to grudge the points to so sporting opponents were Fate or "joss" so to decide! At the same time, it is about time that the Bowling Green Club, as the only purely Bowling Club in the Colony, pulled itself together and made a serious bid for the League championship. With the familiar "Attaboey" heard on their greens nightly during the new season there is no saying what this season's team may be capable of doing!

Second Division
To-morrow's games in the Second Division are appended. As far as concerns lawn bowls this cannot be described, as is so often done wrongly, as the "junior" Division. The Second Division teams as often as not contain many veterans who are by no means "junior" and who perform the necessary duties of coach to less experienced players.

The list for to-morrow is:—
Craignower C.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Club de Recreio.
Hong Kong Electric v. Yacht Club.

If the prospects for the First Division teams are problematical the same can be said even more of these in the Second Division. Last year Taikoo beat the Craignower by nine shots; the Civil Service accounted for the K.C.C. by 22 shots; and the Bowling Green beat the then Club de Recreio "B" by 47 shots. The Bowling Green ought to have the best chance of the Championship, but much depends on the personnel and the form of the Electric Co. and the Yacht Club.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

Half Mile Open Race To-morrow Afternoon

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors at the conclusion of the Sacred Heart College fifth annual athletic sports to-morrow on the Kowloon Football Club ground. The half-mile race open to the Colony, entrance free (post entry) is timed to take place at 3.30 p.m.

HOME FOOTBALL

BLACKBURN ROVERS AND BURNLEY DRAW

NORWICH BEAT WATFORD

London, Yesterday.
In the first Division of the English League Blackburn Rovers, playing at home, shared the points with Burnley—one goal each.
In the Southern section of the Third Division Norwich gained a couple of useful points against Watford; the latter being defeated by five goals to two.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES

First Division	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	41	21	10	10	85	58	52
Leicester	41	20	9	12	90	69	49
Aston Villa	41	22	4	15	94	80	48
Sunderland	41	20	7	14	93	71	47
Liverpool	41	17	13	13	89	63	45
Derby	41	18	9	14	83	68	45
M'chester C.	41	18	8	15	94	85	44
Blackburn	41	15	13	13	71	62	44
Arsenal	41	15	12	13	73	69	42
Newcastle	41	18	6	17	68	72	42
Leeds U.	41	16	9	16	71	83	41
M'chester U.	41	14	12	15	68	74	40
Everton	41	12	8	20	64	73	40
Bolton	41	14	12	15	72	74	40
Sheffield U.	41	14	11	15	62	85	39
West Ham	41	15	8	18	85	95	38
Birmingham	41	14	10	17	67	77	38
Huddersfield	41	14	10	17	69	60	38
Burnley	41	15	7	19	78	100	37
Portsmouth	41	15	5	21	66	80	35
Bury	41	12	6	23	59	96	30
Cardiff	41	8	12	21	42	68	28

Division II. (South)	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Charlton	41	22	8	11	84	90	52
Crystal P.	41	22	8	11	80	97	52
Norwich	41	20	11	10	95	56	51
Queen's P.R.	41	19	13	9	81	90	51
Fulham	41	20	10	11	100	71	50
Plymouth	41	19	12	10	81	51	50
Luton	41	19	10	12	88	72	48
Bournemouth	41	19	9	13	82	75	47
Watford	41	19	10	13	79	73	47
Coventry	41	14	13	14	61	56	41
Southern	41	15	11	15	79	73	41
Swindon	41	14	13	14	73	72	41
Brentford	41	14	10	17	56	59	38
Walsall	41	13	12	16	73	75	38
Brighton	41	16	6	19	78	75	38
Newport	41	13	8	20	67	84	34
Norwich	41	14	5	22	67	78	33
Bristol R.	41	13	6	22	50	78	32
Torquay	41	13	6	22	64	83	32
Merthyr	41	11	8	22	55	102	30
Exeter	41	9	11	21	67	82	29
Gillingham	41	9	9	23	42	83	28

BOXING

PHIL SCOTT DEFEATS GERMAN CHAMPION

WEBSTER LICKS STEWARD

London, Yesterday.
In the Albert Hall, in a heavy-weight boxing bout of fifteen rounds, Phil Scott, the British Champion, beat the German Champion, Dr. Ludwig Haymann on points. It was a poor fight.

Lightweight Championship

In the Albert Hall, in a boxing bout of fifteen rounds for the British lightweight championship, Fred Webster, the ex-amateur Champion at three weights, beat the holder, Sam Steward, on points.—Reuter.

CANTON SPORT

INTERPORT ALLEY-BOWLING WITH HONG KONG

[From Our Canton Correspondent.]

Canton, Yesterday.
There is to be an Interport Alley-bowling contest between the members of the Hong Kong Club and the Canton Club, the dates of which have not yet been definitely fixed. The first match will take place in the Hong Kong Club and there will be a return match later on in the alleys of the Canton Club.

The team to represent the Canton Club will be as follows:—
A. T. Lay, A. J. Evans, J. Baud, E. R. Hill, M. A. Annett, C. Duchateau, R. M. Hunt, C. H. Rolfe.

Golf

In the Bogey Pool at Tungshan on Sunday Mr. L. H. Ruffin (16) returned the best card, being 6 up on Bogey. His gross medal score was 75 (bogey being 70), which is exceptionally good for a player who took up golf only five months ago.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

ENTERTAINMENTS

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "River Pirate."
To-day — World Theatre; "Good Morning, Judge."
To-day — Star Theatre; "The Street Angel."
To-day — Grand Italian opera "La Boheme," at Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

DON'T WASTE WATER!

Land Sale
May 6—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land at Prince Edward-rd., 3 p.m.

Auctions
May 4—At Sales Room, 15 sacks flour, 4 cases canned sardines, etc., etc. (See advt.) 11 a.m.

May 6—At Godown No. 12, H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon 159 bales newspaper, 11 a.m.

May 7—At 64B, Nathan-rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.
May 7—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Sports

To-day — S.C. Command Inter-unit contest, Sookumpoo Valley.
May 4—Seventh Annual Athletic sports meeting of Cheung Chau Govt. School.

May 4—Sacred Heart College sports, Kowloon Football ground, noon.

Meetings
May 7—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Helena May Institute, 5.15 p.m.

May 9—Meeting of China Underwriters Ltd., Messrs. Shewan Tomes board room, noon.

May 10—Further meeting of United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co.'s offices, 11 a.m.

May 17—Half-yearly meeting of voting members of H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club Annex, 5.10 p.m.

May 23—Forty-eighth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's offices, noon.

May 24—Meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 11 a.m.

A CLASH

HINDUS AND MOSLEMS AGAIN SQUABBLING

THE CASUALTIES

Bombay, Yesterday.
Two are believed to have been killed and several seriously injured, while a Police constable is in hospital, as the result of a Hindu-Moslem clash in the Moslem quarter here.—Reuter.

The China Evangelistic Committee announces that conditions seem to indicate that it will be possible to hold the annual missionary conference at Peitaiho this summer, the same as heretofore. The date decided upon is: July 25-August 14. Guests of the conference will have the privilege of arriving at the conference grounds as early as July 18 and have the privilege of remaining until the end of August. The early morning devotional hour will be in charge of Mr. D. E. Hoste, Director of the China Inland Mission; a series of addresses will also be given by the Rev. T. Darlington of the Milton Stewart Evangelistic Funds. Dr. J. Walter Lowrie of the Presbyterian Council will also be one of the speakers, if circumstances so permit. Other speakers are also expected to take part in the meetings. Plans are also being proceeded with for holding two Chinese Workers' Conferences, as follows: Peitaiho July 5-14; Kuling August 11-20.

The International Law Society has telegraphed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, saying that as the U. S. Government intends to relinquish consular jurisdiction in China, according to the Chinese press, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must take up this matter without delay so that this question can be settled between China and the United States at an early date.

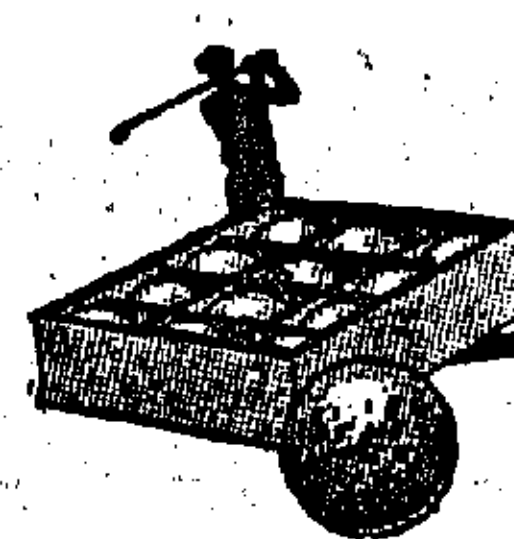
Mr. E. A. H. Ellis, formerly of Singapore, has assumed duties as Third Master of the Government English School, Alor Star.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and British Trader's Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Bldg., 11 a.m. 11.15 a.m., and 11.20 a.m., respectively.

Miscellaneous

May 10—At Volunteer Headquarters, Annual Corps smoking concert, dinner and distribution of Corps trophies and musketry prizes.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Before They Became One



The last photograph of Prince Olaf of Norway and Princess Martha of Sweden before their recent marriage, uniting two of the most popular members of royalty to-day.

Mystery Reopened



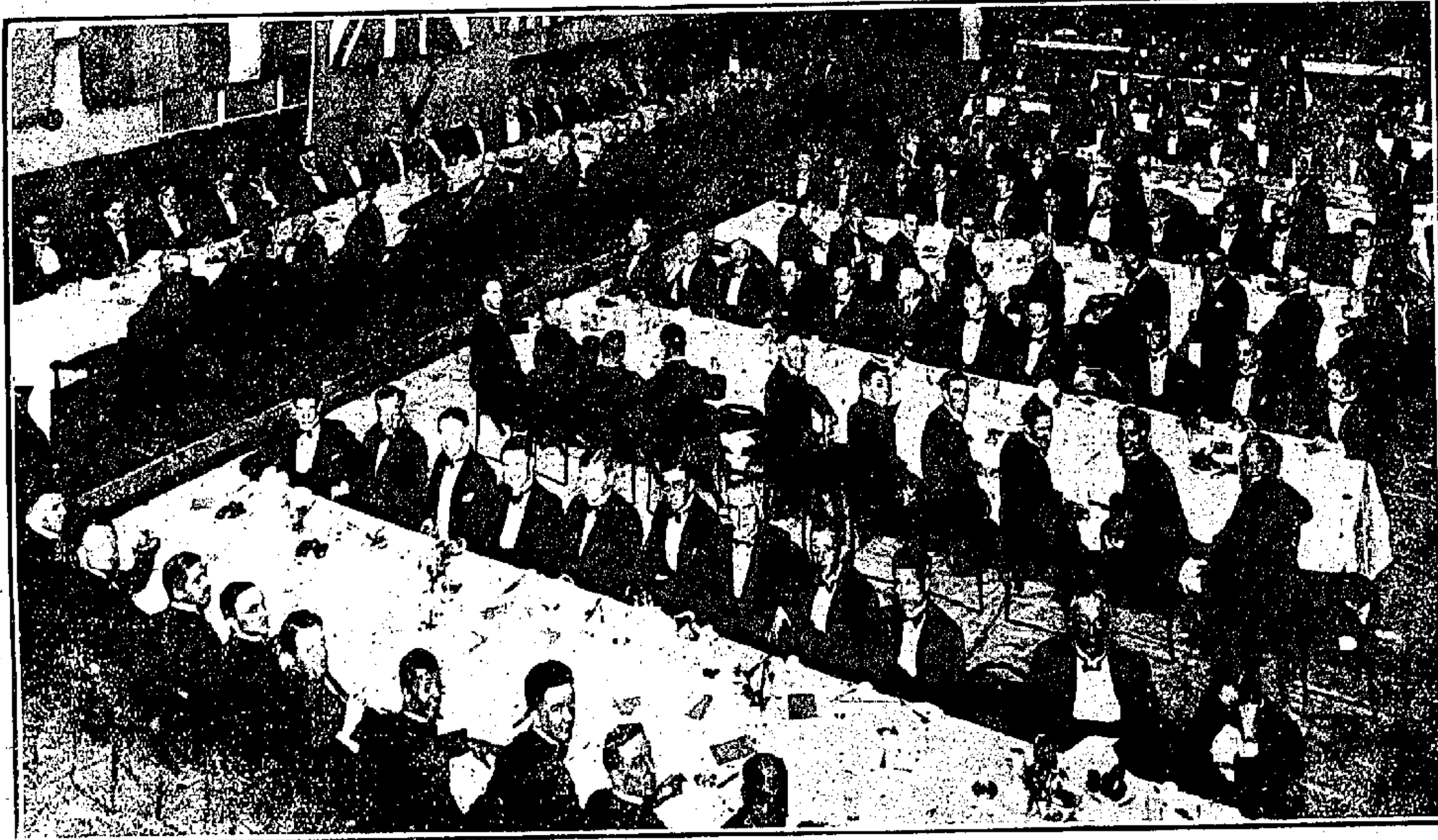
David Barnett, wealthy Oakland, Cal., lumberman, convicted of child stealing, is further accused in the murder of Mabel Mayer, aged 15. New evidence has caused the police to reopen this mystery case which has been unsolved since 1927.

King George Recuperates Slowly



Slowly recovering his strength at Bognor, the photo shows King George V. in a wheel chair with Queen Mary at his side, during one of the frequent strolls which the King enjoys now that he has thrown off the terrible effects of the sickness which almost took his life.

Foreign Y.M.C.A. Holds Annual Meeting And Dinner



The first annual meeting and subscription-dinner of the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Y.M.C.A., Shanghai, was held in the handsome "Y" building at No. 38, Bubbling Well-road, opposite the Race Course. Dr. John R. Mott, President of the World's Committee of Young Men's Christian Association, was the principal speaker. A brief programme of entertainment was provided by the Service Male Quartette, a large number of members and others attending the dinner.—(Ah Fong.)

Military Aide



Lieutenant Colonel, Campbell B. Hodges, of Louisiana, commandant of cadets at West Point, succeeds Col. Osmon Latrobe as military aide to President Hoover.

Saved Nobile First



Hailed as the hero of the Nobile rescue, Captain Einar Lundborg, Swedish aviator, with his wife, stated that he alone was guilty of persuading the "Italia's" commander to leave the rest of his party, acting on orders from his superior officer to bring back Nobile.

Retires in June



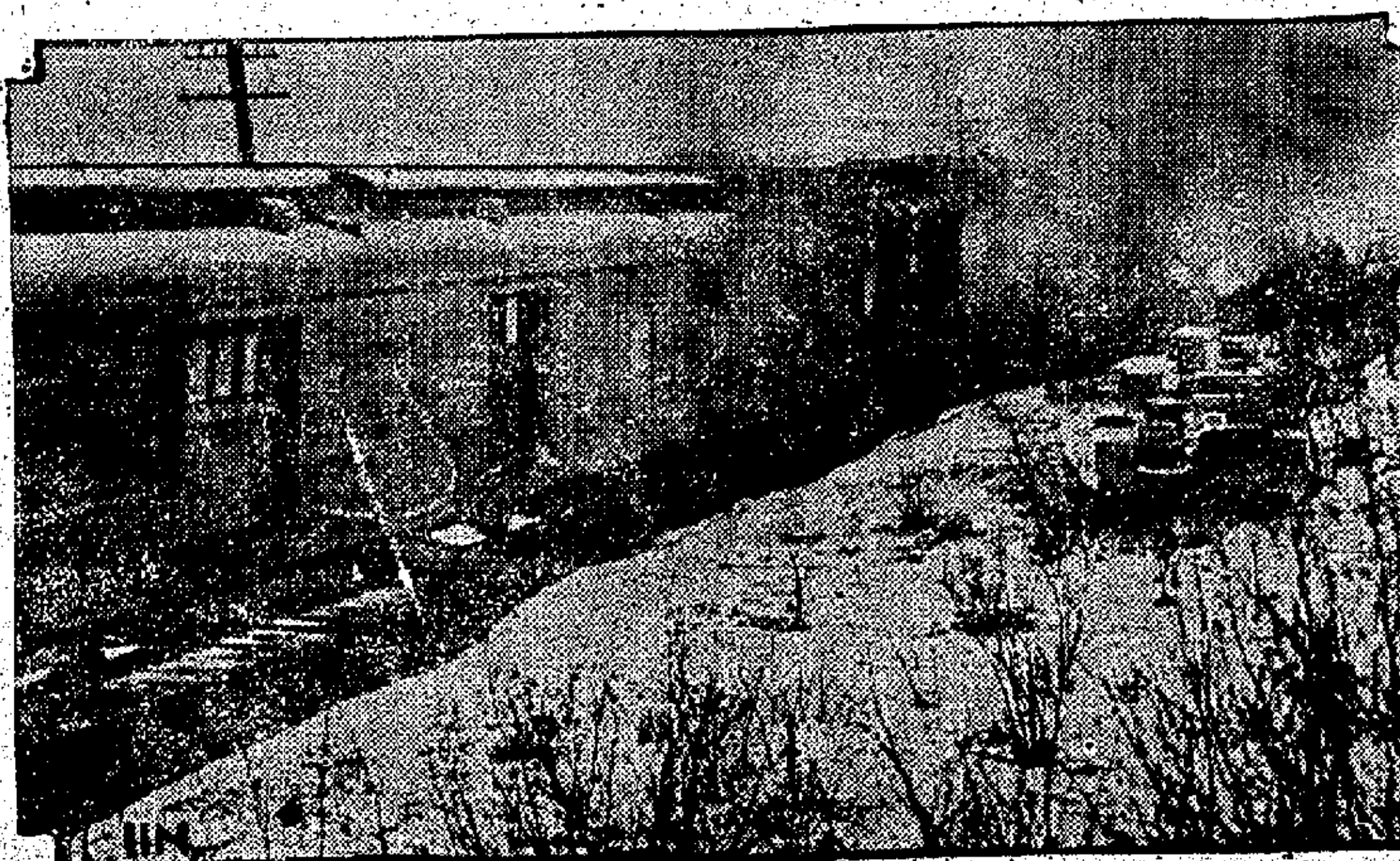
Governor Farrington, of Hawaii, will relinquish the governorship on June 1. It is expected that he will return to the management of his large business interests in Hawaii.

Long Trip From Tropics Ended



Secretary of State Henry Stimson and Mrs. Stimson rested for a few days in their New York home before proceeding to Washington, and Cabinet duties. They recently arrived from the Philippines where Secretary Stimson was governor-general.

Wreck of Canadian Trains



This is one of the first pictures of the wreck on the Canadian National Railway at Parry Sound, Ontario, a deserted wilderness far from aid. The trains met head-on and fire which broke out almost at once caused the death of twenty passengers.

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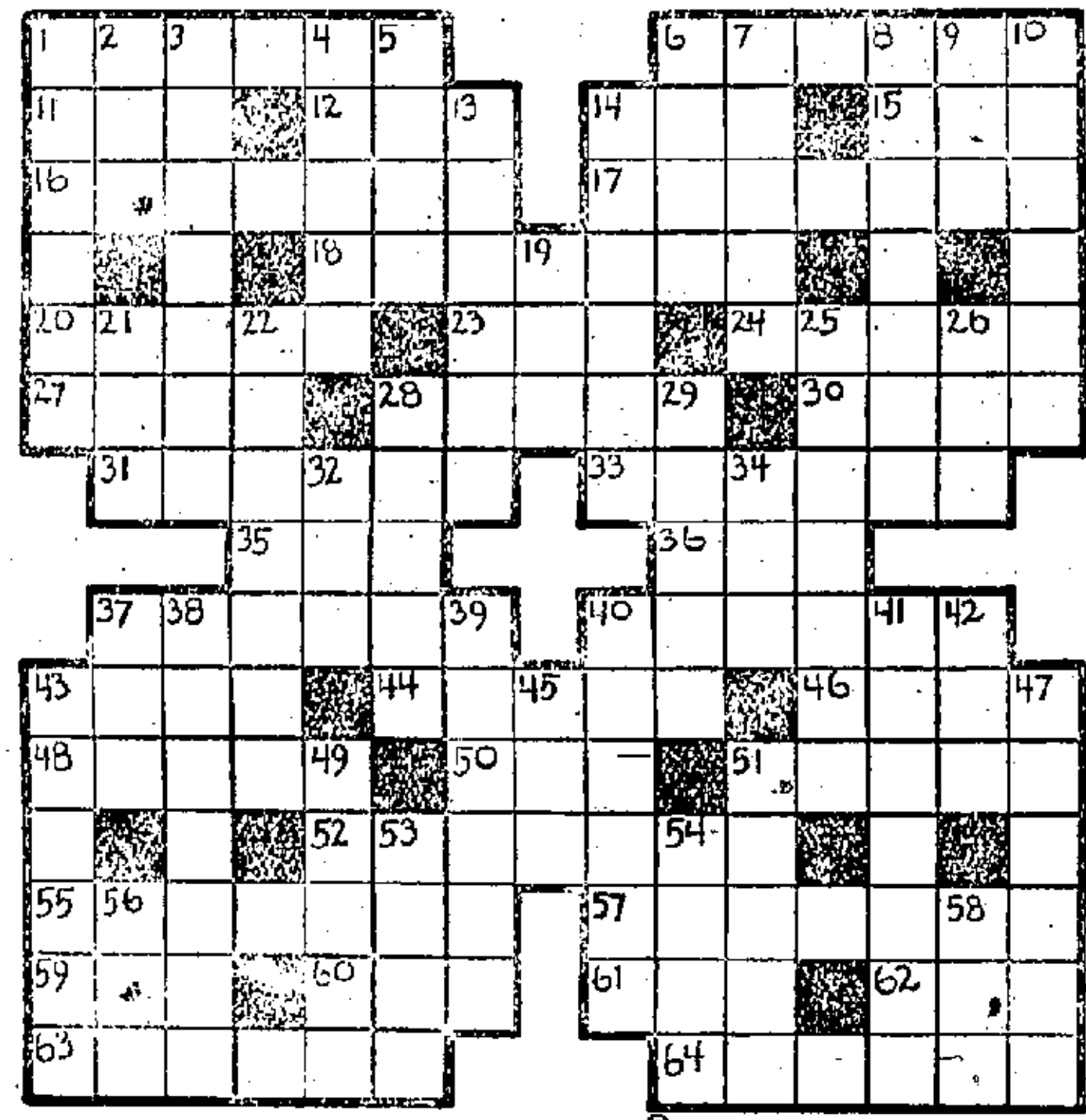


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and althea.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Cause acute pain
- 6-Delivers a strong blow
- 11-Eagle
- 12-Malt liquor
- 14-Garden tool
- 15-Small deer of Europe
- 16-Food substance essential to bodily health
- 17-Nutrient
- 18-One who sends forth with audible sound
- 20-Disturb
- 22-Conclude
- 24-Quench
- 27-A faction
- 28-Hatch
- 30-Lake
- 31-Quizzes for magnifying or diminishing
- 33-Wrinkled
- 35-Big wave
- 36-By way of
- 37-Burning pieces of wood
- 40-Inspector of weights and measures
- 42-Hard fat
- 44-Ground-plots

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46-Simple songs
- 48-Equipped with weapons
- 50-Seed covering
- 51-Fabulous nymph
- 52-Assuage
- 55-Clothing
- 57-Ductile
- 59-Pacific Coast State (abbr.)
- 60-Begin to grow
- 61-Suffix denoting an agent (pl.)
- 62-Organ of head
- 63-A European freshwater fish
- 64-Defies

VERTICAL

- 1-Disjoins
- 2-Prefix meaning "twice"
- 3-Force in
- 4-Entire range or extent
- 5-Split
- 6-Alone
- 7-Enclosures for catching fish
- 8-Wake ready
- 9-An age
- 10-Long seat
- 12-Goes inside

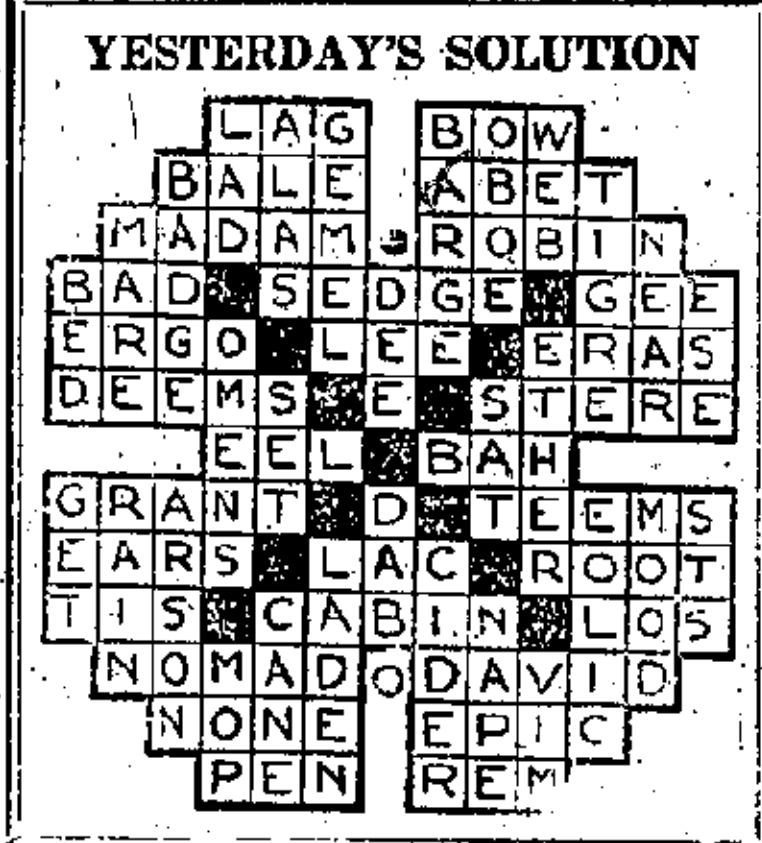
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14-More difficult (abbr.)
- 21-Lubricate
- 22-Perceived by the senses
- 25-According to law
- 26-To humbug (slang)
- 28-Rosary
- 29-Plunges into water
- 32-Coin of small value (Japanese)
- 34-Prefix. Through
- 37-Prickly seed case
- 38-Surrendered
- 39-Imbued in small quantities
- 40-Composed
- 41-Sooner
- 42-Cereal
- 43-One who effects the salvage of goods
- 45-Projection
- 47-Expression of contempt (pl.)
- 49-Slicky
- 51-Displacement
- 53-Short for "Prudence"
- 54-Native of Serbia
- 56-Sooner than
- 60-Boy

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



Priscilla Dean is to appear shortly in a flying film.



The Welsh opera "Blodwen" was to be produced in English at the New Scala Theatre, Charlotte-street, W., in aid of the Welsh Miners' Relief Fund.

On April 2 an air service was inaugurated between Prague and Rotterdam to connect with the Rotterdam-London service.

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS

SUPERSTITIOUS

DIRECTOR PLAYS IN OWN PRODUCTIONS

The right hand of Director William Wellman has been cast for an important role in support of Clara Bow in "Ladies of the Mob," the Paramount star's latest production, according to an announcement from the studio in Hollywood recently.

Director Wellman, who is making his first picture with the flaming-haired flapper of the screen since the aviation epic "Wings," has a hobby of playing in his own productions just for luck. In "Wings" he was a soldier and in "The Legion of the Condemned" he played the bit of a spy.

He found no opportunity, however, to cast himself in "Ladies of the Mob" until it was found that an insert showing a flashlight being shot out of a policeman's hand was essential.

"That's my role," said Wellman, and he went through with it. Now studio paymasters are trying to figure out whether the hand rates an extra cheque.

Members of the cast used in support of Miss Bow in "Ladies of the Mob" are Richard Arlen, leading man; Mary Alden, Helen Lynch, Badil Rosing, George Irving, Lorraine Rivero and James Pierce.

BEST DANCERS

FOLK "STEPS" FOR POISE

A MENTAL TONIC

Mr. Douglas Kennedy, director of the English Folk Dancing Society, thinks women are more adapted for dancing than men. He holds that grace of movement comes more naturally to women.

Mr. Kennedy was speaking at a Soroptimist Club luncheon at the



Lois Moran, whose heart is set on an operatic career when she finishes with the cinema.

Washington Hotel, London. To women who were seeking poise—mental, physical, and emotional—he recommended folk dancing as one of the surest ways of obtaining it.

"When I was in America last summer," he said, "I found that American women were all seeking poise. They told me you could do anything with poise, but that it had to be mental, physical, and emotional. They are quite insatiable in their search for ways of acquiring poise in America," and many of the women have turned to dancing.

"It is my experience that the forms of dance which give poise are folk dances. The form of folk dance which is most suitable for women is the country dance, and for this you need not be slim or have shapely ankles. The physical effect of country dancing is like the result of intensive walking over hilly country. It gives a springy step and a clear eye, and the head is carried high while the shoulders swing free."

Country dancing, Mr. Kennedy maintained, had a wonderful mental tonic effect, and the moral effect of it was to make people become "nicer." To understand the mental tonic effect, one needed to compare the faces of those dancing modern ball-room dances and those who danced country dances.

sert that Miss Rubens paid £250 for drugs in five weeks.

Miss Rubens is married to the film actor Mr. Ricardo Cortez, who refuses to discuss the case.



Monte Blue, whose wife has given birth to a future cinema actor.

MISS ALMA RUBENS

FORMER FILM STAR AND DRUG ALLEGATION

Miss Alma Rubens, until recently a prominent film actress, was recently admitted to a Hollywood hospital in a serious condition. The Federal authorities are investigating allegations that she is a drug addict.

It is stated that the Board of Medical Examiners in Los Angeles holds 31 prescriptions for narcotics issued to her between September 21 and October 17 last year, and information is being sought from eight doctors who are alleged to have supplied her with the prescriptions. The authorities as-

Popular Actress And Husband-to-Be



Anita Stewart, famous movie actress, and George Peabody Converse, whom she will marry in June. Mr. Converse, actor of a prominent Boston family, is at present managing a country-wide stage tour of the former cinema star.

SIR G. DU MAURIER

SIGHS FOR THE UNSHINGLED POLKA AND CAB

Sir Gerald du Maurier, the actor-manager, declared that he wanted to return to "the good old days which are no more."

He was speaking at a City Livery Club luncheon at the Carpenter's Hall, Throgmorton-avenue, E.C., and cheerfully greeted his remarks that he would "like once more to see the unshingled." He added:

I would like to go back to the time when your daughter does not beat you eight up and seven at golf and give you thirty love and a severe beating at tennis.

I would like to go back to the time when suddenly there was silence in the room—and no telephone. I would like to go back to the time when you did not hear "bang, bang," "hoot, hoot," but the clip-clap of handsome-cab horses in the streets.

I would like to go back to a Bond-street down which you were not allowed to walk without a top hat and frock coat, and to the time when you sat at home to dinner with the family round the fire instead of going out to a restaurant and dancing with a man—girl-boy—well, you never know what they are these days, do you?

I should like to return to the days when you did not always have to dance to time played on coal scuttles and tongs. I should like to see lovely waiters and the polka danced again, but not all this jazz.



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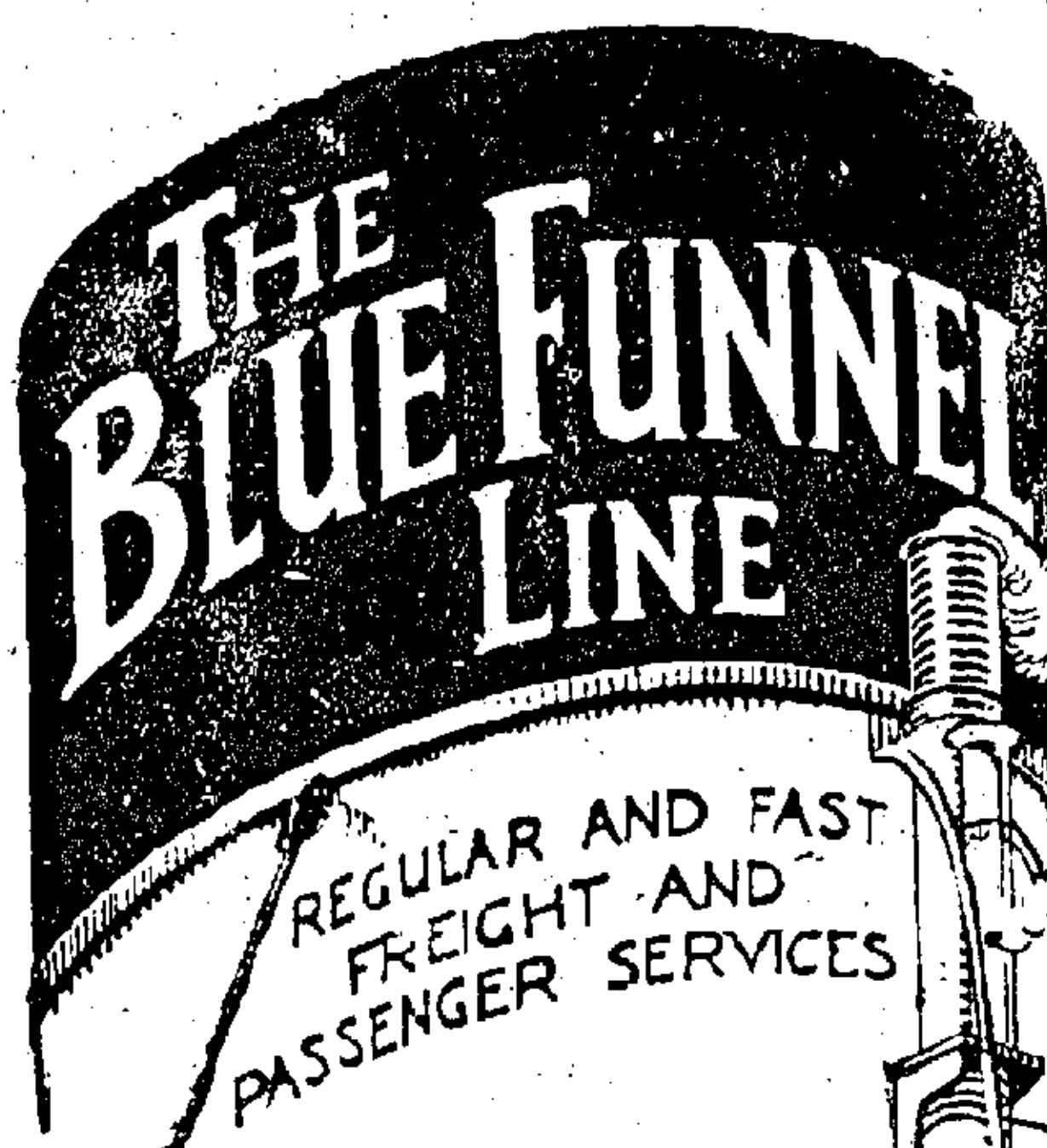
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SATURDAY, MAY 4.	
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SUNDAY, MAY 5.	
Japan	Arafura
Australia and Manila	Tanda
Europe via Negapatam (Passes only, London, 4th April)	Kutsang
MONDAY, MAY 6.	
Straits	Perim
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	President Taft
Manila	President Jackson
TUESDAY, MAY 7.	
Saigon	Sphinx
Japan	Himalaya Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8.	
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OUTWARD MAILS.

Per	
FRIDAY, MAY 3.	
Tourane	Chung Kong 3.30 p.m.
Formosa	Koromiko 4 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing 4.30 p.m.
Straits	Takliwa 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Tungsha 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, S. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	
Hakata Maru	(Due Marseilles, 2nd June.)
K.P.O.	
Registration	May 8, 4.30 p.m.
Letters	May 4, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Registration	May 4, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	May 4, 9.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 4.	
Swatow and Amoy	Hong Hwa 9 a.m.
Rangoon	Garmula 10.30 a.m.
Port Bayard	Tai Poo Sek 1.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjisaroea 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Sunring 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Van Buren 5 p.m.
Amoy	Antung 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MAY 5.	
Swatow and Bangkok	Kiangsu 9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MAY 6.	
Amoy	Kutsang 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa	Hakata Maru 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.

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ANOTHER TORNADO IN AMERICA

MANY KILLED

SCHOOL AND PRISON WALL DEMOLISHED

DOZEN CONVICTS MISSING

Richmond, Virginia, Yesterday.
Fifty persons were killed in a tornado which demolished Ryecove School, near Gatecity.

Columbus, Ohio, Yesterday.
The high wind that swept over Columbus blew down part of the wall of the city prison, killing four and seriously injuring six persons. A dozen prisoners are missing.—Reuter's American Service.

MAY DAY RIOTS

COMMUNISTS CREATE SCENE IN REICHSTAG

THE FRENCH ARRESTS

Berlin, Yesterday.
The city has been quiet since yesterday night when at least nine were killed and 80 injured. Nine hundred persons were arrested of whom 175 were detained and will be charged with resisting the authority of the State and disturbing the peace. Twenty-five of the Police were injured.

A Socialist newspaper to-day remarks: "Moscow must be satisfied with the zeal of German Communists, who obeyed orders to resist the Police and caused the blood-bath which was desired."

Scene in the Reichstag
Communist members of the Reichstag created a scene at the opening because their demand for a debate on yesterday's happenings was rejected.

They made their exit singing the "International" and calling out "Down with the Murderers."

Whittled Down
Paris, Yesterday.
Only five foreigners and eight Frenchmen have been detained as the outcome of yesterday's arrests.

Renewal of Rioting
Berlin, Yesterday.
So far one has been killed and five seriously injured in a renewal of Communist rioting.—Reuter.

Earlier News
Paris, Yesterday.
All those arrested in connection with the May Day riots have been liberated except 350 foreigners, and men wanted for other offences.

Geneva Communists Frustrated
Geneva, Yesterday.
While the Soviet delegates were attending the discussions of the Disarmament Committee yesterday morning, two of their employees who are Genevise Communists, headed a demonstration of Communists who tried to induce the workers to leave the factories. They also demonstrated before the Italian Consulate until dispersed by the Police.

The Soviet delegation has disclaimed all responsibility for their employees' acts.—Reuter.

Mrs. Teresa McSheehy, who was Mayoress of Wimbledon in 1911-12 and 1912-13, died at the age of 84 at her home in Wimbledon last month.

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WRITING IN CHALK

MR. JENKIN ILLUSTRATES ON A BLACKBOARD

JURORS VIEWS' ON 2 KEYS

Had Mr. F. C. Jenkin, barrister-at-law, exchanged his wig for a "mortar board" and pulled his gown a little higher up he would have passed in the Supreme Court to-day for a school master. With a piece of chalk in hand he went up a blackboard placed against the dock in the First Court and gave illustrations of handwriting.

This occurred during the renewed hearing of the civil action in which the Attorney General of Hong Kong is suing the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for over \$260,000.

Temperature to-day 76

Temperature yesterday

Afternoon 82

Humidity to-day 98

Humidity yesterday

afternoon 72

000 in connection with three cheques which the Treasury deny having issued. Mr. Jenkin is counsel for defendants (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master) and he was continuing his cross-examination of Mr. Tsang On-wing, cash book clerk at the Treasury.

At this juncture, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., leading counsel for plaintiff, informed his Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.) that the keys to the safe in the Treasury where the cheque books had been kept, and which the special jurors wanted to see, were in Court.

As stated in evidence, one of the keys is kept by Mr. Moosa, higher class clerk at the Treasury, and one by the witness in the box, Mr. Tsang On-wing.

"Made Locally"

The jurors examined and compared the keys closely. Remarks which were inaudible to the Press were made by Mr. R. M. Dyer, B.Sc., M.L.N.A. one of the jurors. There-

FAIR AGAIN

This morning's weather report issued by the Royal Observatory reads:—

Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan. A depression is situated in the Eastern Sea.

Forecast:—South-east or variable winds, moderate; fair.

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London, Yesterday.
Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons that the Government of Southern Rhodesia had intimated their willingness to arrange for a contribution of £10,000 yearly for a period of five years towards the cost of the projected air service between Great Britain and South Africa. The South African Government had undertaken to provide a substantial portion of the required subsidy and offers to contribute had also been received from the Administration of the Sudan, Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda. As a result of steady co-operation on the part of the administrations mentioned the finances of the service were assured.

The Big Airships
Sir S. Hoare also stated that the airship R100 was expected to be ready for trial by about the end of May and R101 about the end of June.—British Wireless Service.

a key to the safe had been made locally, more might have been made also. His Lordship replied that he saw the point.

Judge's Spectacles

Prior to this Mr. Jenkin had asked Mr. Tsang about his handwriting. Counsel handed his Lordship a powerful magnifying glass, for his Lordship's assistance in case his Lordship could not see the chalk marks on the blackboard, but his Lordship observed that the preferred his own spectacles and sent the usher to his chambers for them.

His Lordship also directed that Mr. Tsang, instead of assenting to or dissenting from the illustrations made by Mr. Jenkin, go to the board himself and make his own marks.

During the cross-examination, Mr. Jenkin pointed out to his Lordship that "a lot of new matter" about handwriting had come out in the evidence-in-chief given by Mr. Tsang (conducted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, who is appearing with Mr. Potter, instructed by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., Treasury Solicitor) also, that it had been physically impossible for him; Mr. Jenkin, to check up all the new features overnight, but he assured his Lordship, he would do his best. His Lordship agreed that there was new matter for consideration.

Volume of Evidence
Use was made to-day of the first bound volume of transcribed shorthand notes taken specially by a lady writer from the Treasury. When Mr. Jenkin read from his copy of the evidence, Mr. Potter—having referred to Mr. Jenkin—lent Mr. Tsang his copy to facilitate witness's comprehension of the quotations.

What appeared to be developing into a sensation—but did not, on an explanation which was as simple as it was unexpected—occurred when Mr. Jenkin questioned Mr. Tsang about forms provided by the Bank, and put in cheque books, for applying for new cheque books.

Counsel passed up to witness one such application form from the Treasury. Mr. Tsang said he could not identify it (that is, as to which cheque book it came, from) unless he had the book with him. Mr. Jenkin asked why and Mr. Tsang replied that he had several of these forms, whereupon Mr. Jenkin ejaculated "What!"

Counsel's "I See"

"Where did you get them from?" counsel continued.

"I put them in my drawer," witness replied. After a few more questions, Mr. Tsang told the Court how he came to have more than one when only one is provided with each cheque book and it has to be used before a new book can be obtained from the Bank. Sometimes, he said slowly, he asked for a book of 600 cheques and the Bank sent, instead, two books, one of 400 and the other of 200. Therefore, when he next wished to use a requisition form, he took one and the other (there being the two forms from the two books) he kept in his drawer. "I see."

The case will continue this afternoon and on Monday.

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Their Royal Highnesses were conducted over the ship by Sir Douglas Mawson, the leader of the expedi-

tion to the Antarctic, for which the "Discovery" is now being reconditioned.

Mr. L. S. M. Amery (Dominions Secretary), Sir Granville Gyffe, High Commissioner for Australia and a representative of the High Commissioner for New Zealand were also present.—British Wireless Service.

The Rectory of Beeston Regis (Norfolk), in the gift of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, will shortly fall vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Percy M. Hinde.